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Indo-British Reply To Dutch Shipping Challenge

'WE SHALL FIGHT BACK FREIGHT SLASHING OFFENSIVE'

Conference Secretary Calls Meeting Of Executives

LONDON, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): The Dutch shipping lines waging an all-out freight slashing offensive against British and Indian companies on the Eastern route today carried the "war" into Britain.

They announced they were sending five ships in the 7,000/8,000 tons class, to pick up cargoes in Britain—something never done before—during the next seven weeks.

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They added that they were accepting freight rates 60 per cent below the rates of the International Shipping Conference from which they have withdrawn.

The Secretary of the Conference, known as the India and Ceylon Conference, at once called a meeting of executives of the British and Indian lines concerned.

"The war is being carried into our own camp", he said. "We shall fight back".

The Conference comprises the following lines—the Peninsular and Orient, the British-India Steamship Co., Ellerman Lines, Brocklebanks, City Line, Harrisons, Clan Line, Anchor Line, Halls and the two Indian Companies—the India Steamship Co., and the Scindia Steam Navigation Co.

LONDON AGENTS

The London agents who have been instructed to accept cargoes for the Dutch ship in Britain are Vanommeren. They act for the Holland-Bombay-Karachi Line and the Holland-Bengal-Burma Line — together known as the United Netherlands Navigation Company.

The agents said that the ships coming to British ports bound for India, Pakistan and Ceylon were the Iemsterkerk, Streef Kerk, Lieve Vrouwekerk, Lienerkerk and Leuverkerk. The first would close at Glasgow on April 9, then call at Liverpool and London.

By June 2, as present plans went, all five cargo vessels would have taken on eastward-bound cargoes at British ports.

"This is the first time we have taken on cargoes in Britain", the agents said.

"INDIAN FREIGHT WAR"

Giving the Dutch standpoint on what they called "the Indian freight war", they said:

"The two Dutch lines have been members of the shipping conference for over 25 years. They serve the Ports of Hambug, Bremen, Rotterdam and Antwerp. They have never loaded nor discharged at United Kingdom or Scandinavian Ports.

The British and Scandinavian lines in this conference earn their livelihood mainly in the trade of their own home ports where they have no competitors except the two Indian Lines which have joined the trade since the war.

"The Dutch are the only lines, except the Belgian Line from Antwerp, who rely entirely on the trade at the German, Dutch and Belgian ports and in this trade they and the Belgians have to compete with three British, one Swedish, one Norwegian and two Indian lines.

"After the war, two Indian lines sought admission to the Conference and the Dutch readily assented, neither did they object to a Belgian line entering the Antwerp trade. These three lines had a clear right to share in the traffic of their own countries.

DANISH LINE

"Two years ago, a Danish line sought to enter this trade. The Dutch line sought the protection of their fellow members and informed the conference that if the Danes were admitted without some safeguard being given to the Dutch, they would withdraw.

"Inspite of repeated protests by the Dutch, the other conference members permitted the Danish Line to enter the trade, first as an outsider and finally as a full Conference member.

"Be it noted that the Danes were not permitted at United Kingdom, Swedish or Norwegian ports but only in the Hamburg Antwerp range, thereby putting the burden of the Danish competition practically entirely on the shoulders of the Dutch line.

DUTCH WITHDRAWAL

"The Dutch therefore withdrew from the conference, but, mindful of the

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

As from 1st April 1949, all advertisements appearing in the "Bombay Chronicle," daily as well as weekly, will be subject to the Newspaper Advertisement Tax at 6¼ per cent imposed by the Government of Bombay.

BURMESE REBELS OCCUPY TAIKKYI

P.V.O.'s Kidnap Rangoon Policemen For Questioning

RANGOON, March 30. (PTI-Reuter)—Rebels have occupied the railway town of Taikkyi, 42 miles north of Rangoon, tonight's official 'communique' announced.

It added that Karens burned down the village of Shwelaung in the Irrawaddy delta district southwest of Rangoon.

The police station and Buddhist Monasteries in the village were "razed to the ground".

Karen rebels also set ablaze many other Burmese villages in the delta region, the 'communique' claimed.

RANGOON POLICE STAND BY

Rangoon police were ordered to stand by today after adherents of the pro-Communist White Band Peoples Volunteer Organisation had kidnapped some policemen.

This followed persistent rumours that PVO's from the interior were massing outside the city for large scale infiltration.

An official statement said the kidnapped police had attempted to make inquiries into a recent armed robbery here. The police were later released "after questioning".

Tension was mounting in Rangoon today in the absence of an official announcement of a reported understanding between the Government and PVO leaders under which the PVO would be given important Cabinet posts.

Official sources said a final settlement with the PVO's was unlikely before the return of the Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, reported to be at Myitkyina, the Kachin State capital in North Burma.

DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW

The Rangoon District Magistrate today ordered a dusk to dawn curfew without explaining why.

Imports From Japan

NEW DELHI, March 30 (A.P.I.): Imports from Japan will be allowed a grace period of 15 days after the expiry of open general licence Number 13 on March 31, according to commerce Ministry Press Note issued today.

Octroi Duties In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, March 30 (A.P.I.): Internal customs existing in various parts of Saurashtra will be abolished from May 1 and will be replaced by Octroi duties as a source of revenue for the proposed Municipalities for the towns of Saurashtra.

Reddiar Not To Contest For Leadership

MADRAS LEGISLATURE PARTY ELECTIONS TODAY

MADRAS, March 30. (API):—Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, Premier of Madras, and leader of the Congress Legislature Party, announced this afternoon that he would not contest the election for the leader of the Congress Legislature Party to be held tomorrow.

With the withdrawal of Premier Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, from the contest announced by him today, the choice lies between Dr. P. Subbaroyan, former Home Minister and Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Rajah, former Minister for Agriculture.

CAMBAY-BHAVNAGAR STEAM SERVICE

THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF SETTING AFLOAT THE FIRST STEAM-LAUNCH "TRYMBAVATI" AT APOLLO BUNDER, WAS PERFORMED BY SMTL LILAVATI MUNSHI, ON WEDNESDAY MORNING. THE SERVICE WILL BE BETWEEN BHAVNAGAR AND CAMBAY, STARTED BY THE CAMBAY STEAMSHIP CO.

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP FOR SYRIA

Army Chief Proclaims Martial Law And Imposes Curfew In All Towns And Villages

AMMAN, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Colonel Husni Zaim, Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian army, to-day proclaimed himself "dictator" and set up a military regime in Syria, according to a Damascus radio announcement picked up here.

In a proclamation broadcast by Syrian radio stations, Husni Zaim told the Syrian people he had taken power "because of deteriorating conditions and to rid ourselves of people claiming to be Nationalists."

"It is not because we are anxious to do so," the announcement added, "but it is necessary until the establishment of proper democratic Government".

MARTIAL LAW AND CURFEW

A second proclamation imposed Martial Law throughout the country and put a curfew in operation in all towns and villages from 6 a.m. (Local Time) until further notice

A third proclamation forbade the carrying of arms on pain of immediate death.

Colonel Zaim, who was also Syrian Director General of Security, became Chief of staff of the army last May.

Syria was plunged into a political crisis at the beginning of December, when she was without a Government for over two weeks after the resignation of Jamil Mardam Bey's Cabinet, following a three-day general strike and "fight on in Palestine" demonstrations.

CAIRO CONFIRMS IT

CAIRO, March 30. (PTI-Reuter):—Reports from usually reliable sources reaching Cairo today confirm that a military dictatorship had been set up after a 'coup d'etat.

Mr. Nessin Shebab, Syrian Charge d'Affaires here confirmed that the Syrian army had taken over the administration of Syria and imposed Martial Law.

He added that he was awaiting further news to clarify the statement.

HINDLEKAR DEAD

Famous Indian Test Cricketer

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Dattatraya D. Hindlekar, one of the most glamorous personalities in Indian cricket history passed away today in the Arthur Road Hospital. He died of an inflammation of the gland in the groin.

Born on the 1st of January, 1910, Hindlekar stepped into Indian cricket after the retirement of J. G. Navle. He played for India in four Tests against England, one in 1936 and three ten years later.

A wicket-keeper as brilliant as he was graceful, Hindlekar received high praise from all the English critics when he first went to England in 1936. Considered then as one of the world's greatest wicket-keepers, Hindlekar was also a very useful batsman, opening the innings in his first Test against England. He had the distinction of opening as well as closing a Test innings for in the second Test in 1946 he came in to bat last.

His performance in the Ranji Trophy as well as for the Hindus in the Pentangulars will always be fondly remembered by those who saw him juggle behind the wickets. His loss on the cricket field has not yet been replaced in Indian cricket, but his humour and liveliness will make his loss as a friend even greater.

WHY FOREIGN CAPITAL?

Soviet Criticism Of India's Development Programme

BANGKOK, March 30. (PTI-Reuter)—The Soviet Delegation to the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East at today's meeting here attacked the granting of foreign capital for Asian industrial development where such aid was conditional on the lender countries receiving economic, political and military privileges.

The Chief Soviet delegate, Mr. S. S. Nemtchina, urged that all countries should depend on their internal resources rather than seek foreign capital and should protect national industries by tariffs and other measures.

Mr. Nemtchina criticised India's development programme, saying there was too much emphasis on railways and not enough on coal and iron and other metallurgical industries.

Mr. A. Macgregor, New Zealand delegate, said his country had accepted loans from friendly countries and had thus prevented the temporary depression in living standards which would have followed industrialisation on New Zealand's own resources.

ASSEMBLY SESSION TO BE OVER BY APRIL 7

NEW DELHI, March 30 (API): The Leader of the House, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament today that Government would do its utmost to finish legislative business by April 7, but, if necessary, they would be prepared to extend the period by a couple of days. He indicated that the Ajmer-Merwara Tenancy Bill would be postponed to the next session.

Seth Govind Das asked whether the Hindu Code Bill would be taken up during the current session. The Speaker said that he was allotting Saturday for Government business and whatever business Government wanted to be put in could be included.

Pandit Nehru made no reply.

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PEACE ON FAIR AND REASONABLE TERMS

Chinese Premier's Policy Statement To Legislature

GOVT. DELEGATION TO BEGIN TALKS WITH "REDS" ON APRIL 1

NANKING, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): The Chinese Premier Gen. Ho Ying Chin made a guarded 15-point policy statement to the Legislative Yuan today on the eve of the Government Peace Delegation's departure for Peiping calling for peace on "fair and reasonable principles".

Puzzled observers generally interpreted his statement as playing for time to avoid compromising the Delegation, which will leave by air tomorrow to begin peace talks with the Communists on April 1. In a closed session, the Yuan met the sixman Delegation presumably to fill in gaps in the Government's peace policy.

CAN'T ALLOW SITUATION TO AFFECT WORLD PEACE

Gen. Ho told the Yuan in his policy statement that the Government of China must find an overall peace with the Communists. She must not allow her internal situation to affect world peace. Government troops, he said, should hold their present lines while awaiting smooth carrying out of peace negotiations.

He declared the Cabinet would improve diplomatic relations and welcome all beneficial foreign aid provided it implied no interference with China's sovereignty

WON'T GO ALL WAY TO MEET 'REDS'

His reference to "fair and reasonable principles" gave some observers the impression that he would not be prepared to go all the way to meet the Communists.

Observers thought it would be suicide for the Kuomintang (Government) Party, whose hard core is the feudal landlords, militarists and bureaucratic capitalists, to allow the Premier immediately to introduce land reforms or to clip off the militarists' lucrative payroll for many armies which exist mainly on paper.

NEUTRALITY IN EAST-WEST 'COLD WAR'

In foreign policy the Government was thought to favour neutrality in the East West "Cold War" in the hope that this might help the peace negotiations

The Army Chief-of-Staff told the Yuan the Communists would begin to cross the Yangtse in April or May if peace talks failed. He warned that 15 Communist columns had recently moved south and said there were over 120,000 guerillas south of the Yangtse including 10,000 in Nanking suburbs.

MOVES ON YANGTSE BANK

Reports from Chinkiang, Government Headquarters east of Nanking, said today the Communists had brought up 40 heavy guns opposite the town ready for a crossing of the Yangtse. Other reports said two Communist divisions were moving along the north Yangtse bank in the Kowan area of Kiangsu province and menacing Yangching on the south bank.

Shanghai despatches said both sides continued to pour reinforcements into the Nanking sector, on the Yangtse between Nanking and Hankow, as the battle for the Government bridgehead there entered its second week.

'REDS' OPEN FIRE ON STEAMER

The Central News Agency reported that "a large number of passengers" were wounded when Communists fired on the China merchants' steamer Kiang Nan near Nanking, forcing her to turn back upstream.

Communists' messages today from the old Manchurian capital of Mukden said the Communists were building an air force and were to begin building a navy

SHIPPING SUSPENDED DUE TO SHELLING BY 'REDS'

SHANGHAI, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Shipping on the Yangtse River near Anking in Ankuei province, has been suspended after Communist shelling of two river vessels, according to Chinese press reports today.

A passenger aboard one of the ships was killed and another injured during the shelling believed to have come from Communists retreating from Anking reports said

SARDAR INAUGURATES UNITED STATES OF RAJASTHAN

Biggest Union With 13 Million People: Princes And People Should Avoid Past Mistakes, Says Deputy Premier

JAIPUR, March 30. (API)—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India, called upon the people of Rajasthan to raise themselves upto the vast future ahead of them when he inaugurated the United States of Rajasthan here today.

The courtyard of the Durbar Hall where the inauguration ceremony took place was decorated with flags of all States in the Union and the National Flag. Flags and buntings flew in the main streets of the city also.

Sardar Patel was accompanied by the Maharaja of Jaipur, the Rajapramukh and the Maharao of Kotah, the Uprajapramukh to the Durbar Hall where he took his seat on a golden and silver throne besides the Rajapramukh.

Sardar Patel administered the oath of office to the Rajapramukh after which the Uprajapramukh and Prime Minister-designate, Mr. Hiralal Shastri, were sworn in by the Rajapramukh. The Rajapramukh read messages from the Governor-General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

The Jaipur army band played the National Anthem.

Thanking the Maharaja of Jaipur for extending him the honour of performing the inauguration ,Sardar Patel expressed the hope that the Rajapramukh would regard himself as the first servant of Rajasthan as a whole. He also congratulated the Uprajapramukh, the Maharana of Udaipur, who could not be present at the function, on his decision to join the union.

MAHARANA PRATAP'S IDEAL

Sardar Patel recalled the life of Maharana Pratap Singh, the great Rajput King of the seventeenth century, who had done so much for the realisation of the dream of a united Rajasthan, and said it was the Maharana's cherished desire that they were fulfilling today.

Paying a tribute to the Rulers of Indian States who had either merged with Indian Provinces or joined Unions of States, the Deputy Prime Minister said that without their whole-hearted co-operation it would have been difficult to achieve so much in the sphere of Indian States. He hoped that Indian Princes who had made such great sacrifices would continue to do so and that their people would appreciate them by doing them honour.

Sardar Patel said that both the Princes and the people should avoid past mistakes which had led to India's bondage.

The Rajasthan Union inaugurated today is the biggest union of Indian States, with an area of 1,20,000 square

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Three Shifts In C. P. Textile Mills

NAGPUR, March 30 (A.P.I.): Textile mills in the Central Provinces are to be asked to work a third shift or an extra shift to step up cloth production.

A recommendation to this effect has been made by the Standing Committee of the Textile Industry which met here today under the presidentship of the Premier Pandit Ravi Shanker Shukla.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE.

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Site plan, general lay out plan and section, showing spot levels and rock levels and other details with specifications will be available on application, on payment of Rs. 10/-, which sum is not refundable. Earnest money of Rs 10,000/- must be deposited with the tender. The tenders are to be submitted before 12 hours on 1st June, 1949 and to be deposited in the Tender Box of the Engineer-in-Chief, Loco Building Works Project Chittaranjan (Mihijam).

Engineer-in-Chief,
Loco Building Works Project,
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IV. The tenders should be superscribed "PIECE WORK CONTRACT—MORMUGAO DISTRICT" and sent so as to reach the Chief Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Park Town, Madras, not later than 12 noon on Saturday, the 7th May, 1949. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 2,000/-. 3852

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates domiciled in Bombay Province and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan, for the following posts in the office of the Joint Director of Technical Education, Bombay. (1) One post of Steno-typist, (2) One post of Typist.

Candidates for the posts should be Matriculates with previous experience preferably in a Government office. The pay scale for the posts is Rs. 75-5-140 E.B.-6-200. They will in addition be entitled to Dearness Allowance as may be sanctioned by Govt. from time to time. For the post of Stenotypist, speed allowance as admissible will be granted. A higher start may be given to a suitable candidate.

Candidates should not be more than 25 years of age in the case of Advanced communities and not more than 28 years in the case of Backward communities.

The posts are temporary in the first instance but are likely to be made permanent. Applications with copies of testimonials etc. should reach the Joint Director of Technical Education, Elphinstone Tech. High School Bldg., Dhobi Talao, Bombay, on or before 8th April 1949. 3882

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NOTICE

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NOTICE

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Dated this 30th day of March 1949

SUNKARSETT & VAIDYA
Attorneys for the Purchaser.
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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 146 DRUMS OF VARIOUS KINDS OF DYES EX. S. S. 'STEEL FLYER' (UNDER GENERAL AVERAGE).

Under instructions from the Agents of the Isthmian Steamship Co. Ltd., and for and on behalf of the concerned, M/s. Bennett & Co. will sell by public auction on Monday, 11th April, 1949, at Hay Bunder, opp. Caltex Petrol Tanks, Sewree from 11-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (S.T.) about 146 drums of various kinds of dyes ex S. S. 'STEEL FLYER' damaged by steam and/or water and are: Indigoid, Vat, Napthalene Scarlet, Nepthol, Anthraquinone, Auramine, Sulphur, Direct Cotton, Chlorazol, chrome, etc. dyes, in small convenient lots. Write for printed catalogue and conditions of sale to the undersigned at 120, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay. Samples of the dyes may be seen at the auctioneers' rooms and the drums are on view at auction site at Hay Bunder. Terms: 25% cash deposit and balance within 2 days of sale. Goods will be cleared thru' the Customs by M/s. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. which will take about 10 working days.

AUCTION SALE of General hardware stores, prefabricated transportable huts, sockets, couplings, rubber, timber, Dodge and Vauxhall motors, containers, files, hand tools, saws, spanners, chassis, tarpaulins, etc., on 8-4-49 at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at D. G. A. Depot, Ghatkopar by order of Regional Disposal Commissioner. Terms: 25 per cent Cash deposit. Balance in Government Treasury by 16-4-49 and delivery by 4-5-49. On view from 2-4-49.

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AUCTION SALE of 500 Lbs. English Cotton Yarn No. 60 Single Red in Original Hanks on 2-4-49 at 2 P.M. at Tamba Kanta, Hanuman Building Shop No. 78, by order of M/s. Bhadarmal Mahadeo (C/o Motilal Omprakash) and on account and at the risk of M/s. Misrimal Jeevaji and Fozmal Khoobaji of Bhiwandi, defaulting purchasers.

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SIR R. P. MASANI AT BOYS' TOWN

Master Nari Contractor Elected Mayor

FRIDAY, March 18 will always be remembered as a red letter day in the annals of Boys' Town since it was on this auspicious day that the Opening Ceremony of the Assembly Pavilion of the Town was performed at the hands of Sir Rustom P. Masani, the ex-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay. The Mayor of the Town, Master Dara P. Mehta instroduced the chief guest, Sir Rustom P. Masani, to the audience. Sir Rustom in his Presidential remarks declared that he had visited the school before when it was under Mr. Dastur, the then proprietor, but it looked totally different to him at this visit of his, what with the wonderful transformations and activities with which the Institution was brimming over, thanks to its founder Seth Pirojshaw N. Mehta whose generosity and fervour had been instrumental in the achievement of this great progress, and to the untiring efforts of the Principal Mr. Pavri, a dynamic personality in the field of education and a man of prolific mind.

ELECTION DAY

It was the dawn of March 19 and Boys' Town was astir at a very early hour. It was the day of the election of the office-bearers of the year 1949-50 the Mayor, the Dy. Mayor, the Commissioner and the Dy. Commissioner and naturally the Town was all agog with expectation.

Master Nari Contractor (Mayor), Master Soli Marolia (Dy. Mayor), Master Behram Irani (Commissioner), Master Yeshwant Padbidri (Dy. Commissioner), were declared elected.

Evening witnessed a gorgeous procession. The new office-bearers took their much coveted seats in a bullock cart elaborately ornamented and decorated with golden trappings. The chief guest of the evening, Sir Rustom Masani, administered the oath to the office-bearers who were then garlanded by Mrs. Pavri, the Principal's wife.

The old Mayor then gave his farewell speech avowing undying love and unswerving loyalty for his 'Alma Mater'. The new Mayor declared that he would try his best to be worthy of his position as Mayor of Boys' Town.

Then followed the performance—The Entry of India and Pakistan in the Comity of Free Nations—and prompted by the tremendous success of previous performances given by Boys' Town, an elite audience had gathered, including the Sessions Judge Mr. B. C. Vakil, Rtn. Mitra, Dr. Major Ramdas Mrs. Merchant, the wife of the Civil Surgeon of Nasik and other distinguished guests.

The show over, the Principal thanked Sir Rustom Masani and the guests for their gracing the occasion and thus March 19, the most hectic day in the Boys' Town ended, the honour of which all goes to its generous founder Seth Pirojshaw N. Mehta and its talented and versatile Principal, Mr. Pavri.

"FOLLOW MAHATMA'S TEACHINGS AND SUPPORT NEHRU GOVERNMENT"

Morarji Desai Tours Merged Deccan States In Karnatak

JAMKHANDI, March 30 (UPI): "It is the ambition of Government that every village should have water", said Mr. Morarji Desai, Home and Revenue Minister, Bombay Government in reply to a civic address presented to him this morning by the citizens of Terdal wherein Government was requested to take up irrigation schemes immediately.

Mr. Desai began his tour of the merged Deccan States in Karnatak this morning. He was accorded a warm reception at the Kudchi station by the Raja Saheb of Jamkhandi, Mr. P. J. Chinmulgun, Chief Administrator, Dr. D. E. Hulyalkar, President of the Jamkhandi Congress Committee, Mr. B. D. Jatti, President of the Cattle Show Commitee and others.

Mr. Desai in the course of his reply referred to the burning of six Brahmins during the riots following the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, and said that he was very sorry for that. He exhorted the people not to resort to such madness in future and act in unison for the welfare of the country.

CIVIC ADDRESSES TO MORARJI

In reply to an address presented by the Citizens of Rabkavi the Home Minister said that the administration of the area would now be run in the language of the people. The question of forming districts would be considered when linguistic provinces would be formed. It was now difficult to have more districts as there was dearth of officers. He assured the people that the question of formation of districts would be impartially considered.

The Minister then proceeded to Banhatti, the first place in the Jamkhandi State territory. In reply to an address presented by the Banhatti Municipality Mr. Desai said that after India had attained freedom she had to face great difficulties. It was a blessing that India was now under a central rule which she could not enjoy for centuries.

He paid eloquent tributes to the Raja of Jamkhandi for being pioneer in the unification and fusion of India.

At Banhatti Mr. Morarji Desai unveiled the portraits of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He exhorted the people to follow the teachings of Gandhiji and give their unstinted support to Pandit Nehru in the administration of the country.

Asian Bloc Necessary

MANILA—A Southern Asian Political bloc is timely and could process Asian countries "community of interests", in the opinion of Felipe Mabilangan, chief of the Asian affairs devision of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Another Filipino, Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippines' permanent delegate to the United Nations at Lake Success, came out strongly last month for the establishment of such an Asian bloc to balance off the East West equilibrium disturbed by recent Communist success in China.

Mabilingan, who attended the New Delhi conference on Indonesia as adviser to the Philippines delegation, points out the Philippines will profit by such regional solidarity because it will enable this country to explore the vast markets of Asia for local essential export commodities.

He declares: "We may follow a course in international affairs as closely parallel as possible to that of the United States provided this is consistent with Philippine national interest and our sovereignty."

Support of the right of non-self-governing peoples to progress and political independence, he adds, "should be consonant with our regional loyalties and the political former in Asia"

C. P. Letter

CONSTABLE'S DEVOTION TO DUTY

Presents Arms To C. P. Governor Inspite Of Cobra-bite

(From Our Own Correspondent)

NAGPUR, (By Air Mail)

An example of devotion to duty was recorded in the history of local police when constable Gayaprasad on duty at the entrance gate of the Government House, Nagpur, presented arms to the Governor while a deadly snake had entwined his leg and was registering its sting in the constable's vein on March 28.

When the Governor's car had passed through the gate, Gayaprasad stood easy and set to untie the knot that the animal had worked itself into by that time.

The infuriated cobra added some more of its stuff as it was torn away. The constable was removed to the Mayo Hospital where he was treated. Gayaprasad, is now reported out of danger.

MINISTER PASSES HINDI EXAMINATION

Shri R. K. Patil, Minister for Food and Supplies who had passed "Parichaya" examination of the Rashtra Bhasha Samiti, was one of the recipients of the certificate at the hands of H. E. the Governor, yesterday. Forty-year-old, Mrs. Radhadevi Goenka, M.L.A. got the degree of "Sahitya Ratna"

Addressing the Rashtrabhasha convocation yesterday, C. P. Assembly Speaker, Shri G. S. Gupta, made a strong case in favour of Hindi as against Hindusthani. According to the expected standard, he said, Hindusthani was not a language in the true sense of the term. He pointed out that there was a vast difference between the National Language and the language of the State. He was in complete agreement with those who held that the National Language was not minted like Government coins, but grew from the people. But the State language was made like coins of the Government in power. The best example of this was the English language. It was neither the language the country nor of any province but was thrust on the people with the result that today every business was transacted in that language.

"There were some people" the speaker said, who were in favour of Hindi while others stood for Hindustani. It would be wrong to think that the Hindi-Hindustani controvery was over the name. In all the 23 Universities in India, Hindi had been recognised as a language and so was Urdu. There was no language in these Universities recognised as Hindustani. A great responsibility, therefore, rested on the protagonists of Hindustani to show what language they meant by Hindustani. If it was a dialect spoken in particular areas it could never be the State language as no dialect could, because it lacked that exactitude which was conveyed by a language.

CINEMAWALLAS PROTEST

"The poorest community in the world was going to be most heavily taxed in the matter of entertainment" said Mr. Chunnilal, President of the Central Circuit Conference in the course of his presidential address at a conference which was convened to protest against the enhancement of the entertainment duty from 33 to 50 per cent.

He further said that the increase in tax was most unreasonable and if nothing was done to redress their grievances, they might be forced to resort to direct action by closing down all cinemas in the province for one month.

Premier Pandit Ravishanker Shukla denied the report that Minister Agnibhoj addressing a meeting at Amoh on November 19, 1948 said that "Mr. Jaiprakash Narain who escaped from the jail in 1942 was a traitor, and the Socialists were mixed up with the British Government when the Congress was fighting the country's battle of freedom." The Premier said that the said report was mis-reported.

RADIUM "BOMB" FOR CANCER TREATMENT

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE—Use of a ten-gram radium "bomb" for treating certain types of cancer, notably of the mouth and larynx, was described at the National Cancer Conference sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Max Cutler of the Chicago Tumor Institute said the apparents was "the largest single radium unit for the treatment of cancer in this country".

He declared: "Cancer of the larynx in an early stage as well as some so advanced as to be beyond the reach of surgery have been cured by this method".

He said that by "cured" he meant "the patient is living and well without recurrence at least five years after treatment".

KARACHI, March 29 (API): The leader of the Reuter Goodwill Mission Lord Layton and two other members of the Mission had an informal meeting with Khwaja Shahabuddin, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, and Mr. Jogendra Nath Mandal, Labour and Law Minister, Government of Pakistan today.

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CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 2, 2005.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 30, 1368.
Parsi: Meher 30, 1318.
Sunrise: 6-34 a.m. Sunset: 6-52 p.m.
Hightide: 00-48, 13-15.
Lowtide: 06-54, 19-03

To-day's Engagements

THE GREATER BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE BOARD: Dr. M. L. Bhagat will speak on "Landmark in the history of Co-operation in India" at the Provincial Co-operative Institute, 9, Bakehouse Lane, Fort, today, at 5-30 p.m.

THE PARSI PUNCHAYET VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE BUREAU: The Careers Conference at St. Xavier's School Hall, today, at 6-30 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday. The Hon'ble Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health and Public Works, will inaugurate the function.

"ASTHIKA SAMAJ": Silver Jubilee and Sri Ramanavmi Celebrations, today. Tabla Tarang Solo with suitable accompaniments by Shri Ravindrachandra Bellari and party and instrumental music "Sitar".

BRAINS TRUST: Today, at 6-30 p.m., at the Y. M. C. A., Wodehouse Road. Panel: Mr. Frank Moraes (Q. M.) Mrs. Sophia Wadia, Dr. Naravanswamy Naidu, Dr. M. B. Vajifdar and Dr. Joseph Fernandez.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE: BY Radhakrishna Shastri Nizampurkar, on Shankar Vedant at Suresh Vithal Hall, Thakurdwar, from 7-30 to 8-30 a.m., every morning for seven days from Wednesday, March 30.

THE GREATER BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE BOARD: Mr. K. T. Mantri will speak on "Co-operative Consumers' Societies" and Mr G. P. Murdeshwar, on "Bombay Co-operative Societies Act" at 5-30 p.m. and 6-15 p.m., today, at the Provincial Co-operative Institute, 9, Bakehouse Lane, Fort, Bombay.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOMBAY: Public meeting will be held at the Bombay Union of Journalists Club, Second Floor, Prospect Chambers Annexe, Hornby Road, Fort, today, at 6-30 p.m., to consider the Shroff Committee's Report on Municipal Finance. Messrs. Jamnadas M. Mehta, the president, Naushir C. Bharucha and Dinkar D. Desai, will be the principal Speakers.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 16 (Tardeo) will meet near Foras Road Junction Grant Road, Tomorrow (Friday), at 8-30 a.m., to go round the Ward. The residents of the Ward who have any difficulties to bring to light are invited to be present at the appointed place and time.

Press Conference

Brigadier N. D. Billimoria, Director, Selection of Personnel, Army H. Q., New Delhi, will meet Press representatives at 11 a.m., today, at the office of the Press Information Bureau, United India Building (2nd floor), Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort.

Radio

BOMBAY, Thursday, March 31.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
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*7-30 a.m. Mohammad Khan 8-0 News (E) 8-15 D. V. Paluskar 8-45 News (G)
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 1-0 News (G) 1-10 Bhavgeeten 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch-Hour Music.
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31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)
4-20 p.m. School Broadcast 5-0 Govind Powale 5-15 Master Babu 5-30 Children's Half-Hour 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 Jayavantdevi Hirebet 6-30 Rajab Ali Khan 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Mohammad Khan 7-30 Film Music 810 Master Babu 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Rajab Ali Khan 8-45 Mohammad Khan 9-0 News (E) 9-15 "Lady Chanchad: Lady Mankad" 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Sport Folio 10-0 Shanti Seldon 10-30 Isobel Baille 10-45 The Philadelphia Orchestra.
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BARODA, Thursday, March 31.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)
7-20 a.m. Geet Gurjari 7-45 B. M. Shirke 8-0 News (E) 8115 Bharati Mehta and Party 8-30 Vilambit Khayal Raag Bhairav 8-45 News (G) 6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 For Rural Areas 6-35 Film Music 7-0 Parisima Bachech 7-15 Nalini Phadke 7-30 Bharati Mehta and Party 7-45 Sahitya Sameeksha 8-0 Samuh Geeto 8-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Chandulal Parikh 8-45 B. M. Shirke 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Parisima Bhachech 9-30 K. L. Jadhav 9-45 Chandulal Parikh 10-0 K. L. Jadhav.

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Half Fares For School Children

The facility whereby school children up to the age of 18 now travel on some of the B. O. A. C. services at half fare has been extended to cover all Speedbird routes between the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, the Far East and Australasia. The extended facility will become operative on 25th April when school children wishing to join their parents abroad for the holidays will be entitled to pay only 50 per cent of the normal adult fare even on those routes on which this concession has not hitherto been available.

These "School Vacation Return Tickets" are valid for four months from the date of issue and are obtainable only during the recognised vacation period of the area in which the school is situated.

All that is required is a certificate from the school principal stating that the children are visiting parents or guardians not resident in the country in which they are at school and that they will be returning to the school after the holidays.

KALYAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION SURPRISE

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, March 29.

Sunday's Municipal election results were declared yesterday night. But of the 23 sitting members who contested the elections 14 members were returned and out of 35 contestants 13 were elected. In the No. 9 ward where there was a dispute and subsequently three candidates were withdrawn from elections, under protest. It believed they had got good chances of winning.

It is noteworthy to note that this is the first time in the history of the Kalyan Municipality that three women candidates were returned (one for reserved and 2 general.) It is doubtful whether the new and enthusiastic workers who are returned could get a majority in the face of the old elements, who, it is understood, are in majority.

DUTY RATES OF TONIC WINES REVISED

In furtherance of its policy of Prohibition, the Government of Bombay has revised the rates of Excise and countervailing duty on medicated or tonic wines and other wines, with effect from April 1, 1949.

Medicated or tonic wines and Drakshasava Asavas and Aristhas containing self-generated alcohol up to 5 per cent. and less will be exempt from duty. Medicated or tonic wines containing selfgenerated alcohol stronger than 5 per cent. of proof spirit but not stronger than 20 per cent. of proof spirit will be charged with a duty of Rs. 9-8-0 per imperial gallon. Wines stronger than 20 per cent. of proof spirit will be charged with a duty of Rs. 70-5-0 per London proof gallon. Similarly, Drakshasava, Asavas and Aristhas also will be charged with a duty of Rs. 3 per imperial gallon, if they contain alcohol stronger than 5 per cent. of proof spirit. For this purpose, 'Drakshasava, Asava or Arishta' has been defined as a liquid medical preparation containing self-generated alcohol prepared, by a process of fermentation, according to the recipes and directions laid down in the standard Ayurvedic treatises.

With effect from April 1, an assessment fee of Rs. 30 per dozen quart bottles or two imperial gallons will also be charged on the sales of medicated or tonic wines containing alcohol stronger than 5 per cent. of proof spirit.

Dhirubhai On Switzerland And World Peace

BOMBAY, March 30 (A.P.I.): Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, Indian Ambassador in Switzerland, said here today that Switzerland was "a nation of peace", and with greater collaboration with India she should contribute immensely towards the cause of world peace.

Mr. Desai was speaking at a reception, held in his honour by Mr. N. S Doshi, a former member of the Azad Hind Government.

The Ambassador said: "Joint and similar efforts of India and Switzerland can produce a world, where man will not have the constant fear of war and aggression, but can live in peace and prosperity."

"At Home" To Dhirubhai

The Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh Bombay, will be "At Home" to Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, India's Ambassador in Switzerland at 6-30 p.m. today at Mazdoor Manzil, Parel.

Draft Of Ratings For U.K.

A large draft of officers and ratings to man the three Destroyers recently acquired by the Government of India, left Bombay on Monday for the United Kingdom. The Officer-in-Charge of the draft is Lieut-Commander Makhan Barua, R. I. N.

The draft consists of 6 officers 128 seamen, 65 Engineroom ratings, 41 Communication ratings and 40 miscellaneous.

The actual number of men intended for the three Destroyers, are is as under:—H. M. I. S. "Rajput" 101, H. M. I. S. "Ranjit" 95, and H. M. I. S. "Rana" 95.

Prior to their departure, the draft will parade a Guard of Honour for Rear Admiral J. T. S. Hall, C. I. E., who will address the men prior to their embarking on board the P. & O Liner S. S. "Ranchi" 16 Cadets are proceeding along with this draft for Naval training in the United Kingdom.

Triangular Motors Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Triangular Motors Limited, Bombay, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. I. G. Thakore.

PROF. M. P. GANDHI ELECTED

Prof. M. P. Gandhi of Bombay has been elected as a representative of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, on the All-India Council of Technical Education, New Delhi.

Rajkumar Karan Singh, son of the Maharaja o. Kashmir, has arrived in Bombay from U.S.A., where he was undergoing surgical treatment for a year. Her Highness the Maharani who has been in Bombay for the last two weeks, will leave for Srinagar with the Yuvraj to-day (Thursday.)

Tariff Board Inquiry Into Glass Industry

BOMBAY, March 30.

The Government of India, in the Ministry of Commerce Resolution No. 1-T(4)/48 dated 20th March, 1948 referred the claim for protection or assistance to the Glass and Glassware (including bangles) industry to the Tariff Board for investigation. The Board has now decided to hold a public inquiry into this industry at an early date.

A questionnaire for the producers of these articles is now ready for issue. Firms, Associations and persons interested in this industry or in the industries dependent on the use of these articles, who desire that their views should be considered by the Board may obtain copies of the questionnaire from the Secretary, Indian Tariff Board, Contractor Building, Nicol Road Ballard Estate, Bombay.

Replies to the questionnaire and representation or memoranda which hey wish to submit should be sent in 15 copies so as to reach the Secretary, Tariff Board not later than 20th April, 1949.

WEATHER

WEATHER CHART

POONA, March 30, (API): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st December 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08.00 hours (IST) on 30th March 1949:—

Ahmedabad 106 75 0 0 minus 0.2; Ahmednagar 103 73 0 0 minus 0.8; Allahabad 103 70 0 1.5 minus 0.9; Bangalore 92 71 0 0.5 minus 0.8. Baroda 108 78 0 0.1 minus 0.2; BOMBAY 90 80 0 0 minus 0.3; Calcutta 96 76 0 1.4 minus 1.7; Colombo 90 76 0.2 14.6 minus 1.2; Darjiling 62 50 0 2.2 minus 1.6; Dehradun 91 62 0 7.8 plus 0.7; Delhi 101 69 0 1.1 minus 1.7; Hyderabad (Dn) 101 75 0 0 minus 1.4; Indore 102 65 0 0.2 minus 0.6; Kanpur 104 72 0 1.3 minus 0.5. Kolhapur 97 74 0.1 0.1 —; Lucknow 102 68 0 1.7 minus 0.4 Madras 94 74 0 1.7 minus 5.9; Mahabaleshwar 83 65 0 0 minus 0.7; Nagpur 104 69 0 0.1 minus 2.0; Patna 99 71 0 3.9 plus 1.9; Poona 101 72 0 0.1 minus 0.2; Rajkot 107 71 0 0 minus 0.3; Surat 95 78 0 0.4 plus 0.1.

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, March 30 (A.P.I.):

The following is the weather summary for Wednesday, the 30th March 1949:—

There have been scattered thundershowers in Assam and the south Bombay Deccan. Day temperatures were markedly above normal in north-west India and the West United Provinces. Night temperatures were also appreciably above normal over the region from the East Punjab to the Bombay Deccan.

Forecast valid until the evening of 31st:—There will be local thundershowers in Assam and scattered thundershowers in south Malabar and in and near the west United Provinces hills, isolated dry thunderstorms may also occur in the Central Provinces. Day temperatures may slightly fall in the North Deccan, Gujarat and Saurashtra.

STORM WARNING SIGNALS ON COAST

Meteorological Department Suggestion

KARWAR, March 29. (API):: The meteorological department is understood to have advised port authorities along the Konkan coast to take early steps to interpret correctly the storm warning signals to fishermen and "tindels" of country craft going to sea.

These steps, it is believed, will prevent loss of life and accidents occurring at sea due to storms.

This information was given by the Assistant Meteorologist, Regional Meteorological Centre, Bombay, who arrived here on a survey tour of Konkan ports.

Release Of New Postage Stamps Postponed

NEW DELHI, March 30

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, part of the new series of postage stamps, known as the archaeological series, will not be on sale to the public from April 1, 1949, as previously intimated. It has now been decided to release the complete series at a date which will be announced later.

LEGAL RIGHT ON WILL OF LIVING PERSON

Interesting Observations

Before the Privy Council
Hubert P. James—Appellant
vs.
Gulamhussein Paksesma—Repondent

Observing that apart from this case their Lordships knew of no case in which any court had founded or supported a legal right on the will of a living person, the Privy Council allowed an appeal from an Appellate Bench of the Bombay High Court and restored the judgment of the trial judge Mr. Justice Bhagwati which their Lordships characterized as "a very long but admirably clear" judgment.

In June 1936 the appellant purchased the Pioneer Coffee House situated in Churchgate Street, Bombay.

In August 1936 the appellant prepared a document to the effect that the respondent was his manager and as such was to be paid a two-third share in the profits of the business. The appellant relied on this document as showing that he was the sole proprietor of the business.

A year later the appellant made a will which he revoked in 1940 on a statement in which the respondent relied as an admission that the appellant and the respondent were partners in this business.

Disbelieving the oral evidence on both sides, Mr. Justice Bhagwati relied on the document of 1936 and held that the respondent was merely an employee of the appellant. The appeal court had reversed this decision and considered the will of 1937 as the really decisive document.

The Privy Council accepted the view of Mr. Justice Bhagwati that the document of 1936 was a contemporaneous record which correctly set out the terms between the parties. With regard to the will of 1937 the Privy Council observed that none of the three judges who dealt with the case in India and none of the appellant's counsel seemed to have considered that the court was doing anything unusual in acting upon the will of a living person, and that too a will which had been revoked before the commencement of the suit. Looking upon the will as containing an "admission" the scope of the admission must be determined with reference to the whole document and in the light of the principle that a will could not speak till the death of the testator. Viwed in this light the admission could not go further than to say that on the death of the appellant the respondent was to be treated as a partner. Their Lordships therefore, allowed the appeal, set aside the order of the Appeal Court and restored the order of the trial judge.

EXPORT OF PRINTED CLOTH

Instructions To Dealers And Processors

The Government of Bombay released printed cloth lying with processors and dealers for export outside the Province last month. Stocks of such cloth, however, might have already become time-barred or are likely to become so, soon. It is, therefore, necessary to get the cloth 'TCB' stamped before it is allowed to be exported. Processors in Bombay City should declare such stocks for necessary instructions to the Textile Commissioner Bombay, with a copy to the Privincial Textile Controller, Bombay, and those in the districts to the District Magistrate concerned. The dealers in Bombay City should declare their stocks to the Provincial Textile Controller and those in the districts to the District Magistrate concerned, with a copy to the Provincial Textile Controller. The declaration should show (a) hand printed and (b) machine printed and screen printed cloth separately. The parties should then apply to the Provincial Textile Controller for export of the cloth outside the Province. Applications from districts should be made through the District Magistrate concerned.

Madhya Bharat Industrial And Commercial Conference

GWALIOR, March 29, (API): The Madhyabharat Industrial and Commercial Conference, it is learnt, will be held here on April, 3, 4, and 5. Mr. Shyamprasad Mukerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, Government of India will inaugurate the conference.

Madhya Bharat Govt. To Move To Indore On April 15

GWALIOR, March 29, (API): The headquarters of the Government of Madhya Bharat will move from Gwalior to Indore on April 15 and will remain there for a period of five months.

The Budget Session of the Legislative Assembly which is due to begin in Gwalior on April 31 will resume deliberations at Indore from April 25.

Press Report Contradicted

PATNA, March 29. (API)—The Bihar Government stated today that Mr. K. B. Sahay, Revenue Minister did not make a statement attributed to him in a press report of March 17 that he stated in the Bihar Assembly during question time that in all proobability Communists had infiltrated into the special branch of the Bihar police.

Prohibition In Bihar

PATNA, March 29. (API)—Mr. Krishna Ballabh Sahai, Bihar's Revenue Minister, said in the provincial Assembly yesterday that the proper atmosphere for the introduction of prohibition in the province was lacking.

CONGRATULATIONS GALORE FOR SARDAR ON HIS ESCAPE

Full Story Of Plane Mishap: Deputy Premier "Greatly Amused Over Whole Incident"

JAIPUR, March 30 (API): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India today received telegrams from all over the country congratulating him on his escape in the plane mishap yesterday.

A numbers of rulers from Rajasthan, the Jamsaheb of Nawanagar, the Commander-in-Chief General K. M. Cariappa and the Minister for Works, Mines and Power Mr. N. V. Gadgil were among those who called on the Deputy Minister this morning.

The Governor-General Mr. Rajagopalachari spoke to Sardar Patel on the telephone and conveyed to his congratulations. The Rambagh Palace where Sardar Patel is staying received numerous long distance telephone calls.

STARTING OF TROUBLE

Mr. V Shanker, the Sardar's Private Secretary, who was in the plane when it crash-landed, said that as the "Dove" took off from Palam it was noticed that its bonnet was shaking and that the plane could not pick up speed or climb rapidly.

The Maharaja of Jodhpur, who holds an A—license, had hurried consultations with the pilot and the plane returned to Palam airport. After some adjustments it took off again.

After half an hour's flight, they noticed that one of the engines had stopped but since Jaipur was only 15 minutes flight away, they expected that the plane could be manoeuvred to the Jaipur airport.

The terrain around Jaipur is hill and any mishap in landing would have been disastrous.

The Jodhpur ruler kept Sardar Patel and party informed all the while about the developments. The plane was rapidly losing height and all efforts to contact Delhi and Jaipur failed. The pilot then said that he was going to crash-land and all the passengers were securely fastened to their seats.

LANDING ON RIVER BED

The plane glided and landed on a river bed, whose course the pilot had been following for some time. The landing was perfect and none aboard felt any shock. Passengers and crew quickly got out of the plane as it was feared it would catch fire, but happily this did not happen.

There was no sign of human habitation within sight, but they could see headlights of cars speeding along the Trunk Raod a few miles away.

A shepherd, who suddenly appeared on the scene hurried away and returned with four other people.

Mr Shanker then scribbled a note and asked one of them to take it to a Court of Wards Officer in Shahpura which, he was told, was three miles away. Meanwhile more villagers came, hearing that Sardar Patel had landed near a jungle.

One of them brought jug of milk it was already dark and time was hanging heavily. Two local wrestlers appeared on the scene and gave a demonstration of their prowess to Sardar Patel and party.

The party then started on foot and came to the road. Efforts were made to secure a tonga. A rickety one was immediately brought, but the pony proved stubborn.

RADIO EQUIPMENT VAN

Meanwhile, powerful headlights were seen speeding towards the spot. It was an All India Radio equipment van on its way to Jaipur. Mr. K. B. Lal, Administrator of the Matsya Union, a doctor and a few others were in the van.

Mr. Lal was on a routine official visit to Shahpura. Some one on the road had stopped him and told him that both Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru were among the occupants of a crashed plane. After further interrogation, the man produced a chit. It was in Mr. Shanker's handwritting, which Mr. Lal recognised.

Mr. Lal had stopped the All-India Radio equipment van which happened to pass along the road. He got a doctor and rushed to the spot indicated by the villager. He found Sardar Patel sitting on a chair dismantled from the aircraft.

Sardar Patel and party then got into the van and proceeded towards Jaipur. Soon after, other cars came and they were all comfortably accommodated.

AT RAMBAGH PALACE

Meanwhile, at the Rambagh Palace in Jaipur, anxious discussions were being held and clear-line telephone calls were buzzing back and forth. Mr. N. M. Buch, Mr. M. K. Vellodi and Mr. Pradhan of the States Ministry, the Maharaja of Jaipur and others were holding anxious consultations.

A sentry entered their room and announced that Sardar Patel was at the porch.

The Governor General, the Prime Minister and all others concerned were informed immediately of Sardar Patel's safe arrival.

LIKE VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

An Associated Press of India correspondent calling on the Deputy Prime Minister to congratulate him this morning found the Sardar greatly amused over the whole incident. "It was like a variety entertainment" the Sardar told him.

1949 FORD V-8 ON VIEW IN CITY

Several Improvements On Previous Models

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A press preview of the new, streamlined 1949 Ford V-8 was held in the show room of the United Motors at Hughes Road on Tuesday evening when high-ranking executives of the Ford Motor Company of India Ltd. introduced a large number of newspapermen to the many improvements of their latest model.

Mr. B. O. Stevenson, Managing Director, and Mr. H. Muir-Hardinge Advertising Manager, of "Fordindia" pointed out that the new 1949 Ford was unique in several respects. Its rigid 'Lifeguard' body provides new security with all-steel, welded full-arch bridge construction and it is bolted to the frame at 22 points to form a strong, solid unit, while "picture window" visibility has been facilitated by the provision of more than 20 scuare feet of window area in Tudor Sedans and narrow corner posts and body centre pillars. Another novel thing in the 49 design is the built-in fresh air ventilating system which provides fresh air supply through ducts with screened inlets at each side of the radiator. It is claimed that the "pressurised-cabin" effect permits opening vent window part way even on rainy days, the air circulation practically preventing glass fogging.

Other advancements on the previous models are the improved suspension system, symmetrical steering linkage, "magic action" King size brakes, "midship" ride, new instrumental panel and hardware.

Available in nine colours ranging from black to sea-mist green, the Ford V-8 1949 has been priced at Rs. 13,300 plus tax. They will be on the road in a week's time. The petrol consumption is about 20 miles to a gallon.

"Fordindia" held a cocktail party at the Taj Mahal Hotel after the preview. Earlier in the day there was a luncheon. At both the functions, Mr. Stevenson introduced to the newspapermen several departmental chiefs of "Fordindia" who included Mr. G. E. Corey, Secretary, Mr. R. I. Hughes, Mr. E. A. Oakley, Assistant Sales Manager, Mr. R. A. Whomley, Service Manager, Mr. M. Miller, Superintendent, Mr. W. P. Nicolls, Bombay Branch Manager, and Mr. V. S. Swadi, Bombay Branch Sales Manager.

Reclamation Of Waste Lands In East Punjab

SIMLA, March 29. (API)—Fourteen crores of rupees are estimated to be required for reclamation of five lakh acres of waste land in the province during the next five years at the rate of one lakh acres a year, Giani Kartar Singh, Development Minister said in the East Punjab Assembly today.

E. Punjab's Budget Session Prolonged

SIMLA, March 30. (API)—The Budget Session of the East Punjab Assembly which was to have terminated on March 31, will have two more sittings on April 4 and 5. it is officially learnt.

PATNA, March 27 (API): The Senate of the Patna University has passed unanimously a resolution in International Relations in the University.

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"EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK"

World Women's Decision

BEIRUT, March 29 (PTI-Reuter): The women of the world tonight decided that women should get equal pay for equal work, but could not decide who should urge their claim.

The decision was taken by the United Nations' Commission on the status of women, who are meeting here.

Three separate resolutions tabled by the United States, Russia, and China, were merged into one urging equal pay for equal work, which was adopted paragraph by paragraph without an overall vote.

Two days bitter wrangling ended in further dispute after agreement to pass the resolution.

Britain's Miss Mary Sutherland wanted the demand for "the right job" to go to the International Labour Office (the I.L.O.).

But Dr Cecilia Sieu Ling Zung of China protested, and said it was a matter for the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Miss Dorothy Henyon, United States backed up the British plan.

India's Mrs. Lakshmi Menon said reference to the I.L.O. would weaken the resolution.

The Chinese delegate changed her mind and agreed to the British American suggestion of referring it to the I.L.O.

Soviet Delegate then advised China's Dr. Sieu Ling "not to listen to the advice of others since it might lead you into trouble."

Dr. Cecilia retorted that she was not being ordered about."

"I take my orders from no one" she said spiritedly.

Peace was restored with a compromise addressing the resolution to both UNESCO and ILO.

Tomorrow the Commission is expected to take up the topic of the nationality of married women—expected to provide the fiercest yet.

The Soviet Union has already indicated that it feels the commission is not competent to deal with the subject.

CHURCHILL'S SON FINED

NEW CASTLE, Delaware, March 29 (U.P.A.): It was learned that Randolph Churchill, 28, son of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, paid a dol. 25 fine here yesterday for driving his automobile at 90 miles an hour.

Churchill was fined by Magistrate Thomas Holcomb in a "friendly" arrangement after his arrest. He asked if he could pay the fine in British pounds sterling but Rolcomb refused. The younger writer and lecturer then peeled off dol. 25 in American money and drove off.

ANGLO-ARGENTINA COLD MEAT WAR

BUENOS AIRES, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): The five weeks' old Anglo-Argentine trade talks were still at a standstill today with "zero hour" in the "cold meat war" only 36 hours away.

When the Andes agreement covering Argentina's meat supplies to Britain ends tomorrow night shipments may be immediately suspended unless the present deadlock is ended, according to usually well informed quarters here.

(Britain is short by about 75,000 tons of the total of 420,000 tons Argentina undertook to send under the 12 months contract, but some of this quantity may be on its way)

TELE-COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT FOR HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD, (Dn.), March 29. (A.P.I.): The Hyderabad Government have approved the establishment of a tele-communication Department which will be responsible for a network of wireless stations throughout the state, it is learnt.

At present six distrits in the state have no means of communication with the capital of Hyderabad except by road. A few places situated on the railway line have Indian telegraph offices. Some telegraph offices are connected directly to the Indian telegraph lines and the others are worked through a licensed telegraph offices of the railways.

The new department will be entrusted with the task of providing these districts with communication facilities and improving such facilities generally throughout the state. Small telephone exchanges will be established at certain district headquarters whereby trunk telephone calls between all telephone exchanges in the state will be possible via the wireless link.

DEVADAS GANDHI FOR U. N. C. F. I.

LAKE SUCCESS, March 29. (PTI-Reuter): India today nominated Mr. Devadas Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, and Mr. S. S. Parulekar for membership of the United Nations Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information.

MAIL VAN ROBBERY CASE ARRESTS

AHMEDABAD, March 30 (A.P.I.): Fourteen persons including a Sub-inspector of Police, two police constables, and two women have so far been arrested in connection with the recent mail van robbery and over Rs. 20,000 been recovered by the police. Among the arrested persons are the father, brother, sister and brother-in-law of the Sub-Inspector.

AMBALA, March 29 (API).—Twenty-nine out of the 79 plague cases reported from Ambala and Karnal districts of the East Punjab during the week ending March 5 proved fatal, it was learnt here today.

SCARCITY RELIEF WORK IN SAURASHTRA

A meeting of the Saurashtra Seva Samiti was held at Bhavnagar under the presidenship of Darbar Gopaldas Desai. Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai is seen addressing the meeting.

Irrigation Scheme For Saurashtra

Shri Rasiklal Umedchand Parikh, Home and P.W.D. Minister, United States of Saurashtra, in the course of his speech at the foundation Stone laying ceremony of the Bambnan Irrigation Reservoir by the Raj Pramukh United States of Kathiawar said:

"We have got Rivers, large and small, and numerous, which are in spate a number of times in the season even with an average rainfall. For diverse reasons we failed to harnesss these water resources and though small beginnings had been made at several places during the recent years, immense work remained to be done on the existing data that we have got and I have no doubt that with more exploration immense possibilities will be unfolded before us. Of all the development programmes, the development of our agriculture is of the most prior importance, and the utilisation of immense quantities of water that flow in our Rivers every year is the first thing to be done for the development of this basic industry.

The vast deficit in our domestic food supply every year has revealed to us the great weakness in our

country's economy. Unless we remedy this position, and remedy it in the shortest possible time, our country's economy is bound to be weak in its most vital aspect.

What has been done and what is being done now will only touch the fringe of the problem. We had prepared five Schemes, which are ready to be implemented, and this is the second of the five being implemented. With the completion of all these Schemes, we will be able to make our State fairly independent of the vagaries of monsoon.

I want to emphasise the particular importance of this Scheme. In the whole land of Saurashtra, Zalawad is famous for its barren fields. There are vast expanses of land over which you hardly see a tree and there are places where drinking water becomes an item of luxury if a single monsoon fails.'

This scheme is the first step in raising the people of Zalawad from their present utter dependence on the monsoon.

The present scheme was contemplated by His Highness the Raj Saheb of Dhrangadhra and the data was fairly complete when we took over Dhrangadhra State.

The financial aspect of the scheme is not attractive. The total cost of the scheme will be in the vicinity of 65 to 70 lakhs and the gross annual irrigation revenue at about Rs. 1,80,000. The provision of maintenance and other charges will leave the annual receipt near about Rs. 1,25,000.

It is hoped that 2,000 labourers will be employed immediately the work starts gradually increasing the number to 5,000 and even more when the work gets into full swing in a month or so.

IMPORT OF NEWS PRINT INTO SAURASHTRA

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, (By Mail).

The Government of India have decided that during January-June, 1949 licences for import of newsprint from dollar area should be granted on the following basis:

(1) "Those newspaper publishers and dealers who have long term contracts with Canadian manufacturers for the supply of newsprint will be given licences for half their annual off-take as agreed under the contracts. Applicants should send with their applications their contracts in original for inspection before a licence can be granted:

(2) "Licences to other newspaper publishers and dealers will be granted at 40% of the c.i.f. value of their past imports made from dollar area during any one complete financial year between 1937-38 and 1947-48. Applicants should produce either the quota certificates issued to them during July-December, 1948 Bills of Entries or Auditors' certificates in prescribed form in support of their past imports;

(3) "All licences for newsprint will be subject to the condition that they would be valid only for import of newsprint at a c.i.f. value not exceeding £46 per long ton for imports of newsprint in rolls and £51 per long ton for imports of newsprint in sheets.

Applications should be made to the Chief Controller of Imports with relevant documents as early as possible. No time has been fixed, but it is in the interest of applicants themselves to send their applications with relevant documents as early as possible. "No aplications from new comers will be entertained".

10,000 ADULTS MADE LITERATE

Four Months' Literacy Session Ends

The four monthly session begun on 5th November, 1948, in the Social Education Campaign carried on by the Bombay City Adult Education Committee has just come to an end last month and a new session has already begun its work from Monday, March 7, 1949.

During this period, it is happy to note that nearly 15,000 adults including about 3,000 women were enrolled and received education in literacy and social education in over 600 literacy classes. Apart from this another 5,000 adults attended the 150 Post-Literacy Classes to further complete their education.

The literacy test was held in the last week of February when about 11,500 adults appeared. Of whom about 9,600 have been declared successful in the literacy test. For the first time during the last ten years, 100 external examiners were invited to hold the examination in collaboration with a similar number of internal examiners. These 200 examiners included Secondary School Headmasters, Primary School Trained Teachers and Headmasters from the Municipal schools and the Supervisors and Officers of the Committee. The Committee is grateful to all these examiners for their help.

The new session has already started from 7th inst. with about 20,000 adults enrolled as students in 800 classes. The number of classes has had to be limited on account of lack of funds, otherwise more than a thousand classes with 30,000 adults were intended to be started.

KALYAN BOROUGH ELECTION

Confusion Among Voters

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, March 28: It is revealed in an interview with the Chief Officer of the Kalyan Municipality that there was too much of congestion of voters at the Borough election and as a result confusion prevailed among them. It was, however, set right and voting went on alright.

About 4 persons were arrested for impersonification. It is further reported that protest meetings in Ward No. 9 are being held to protest against the attitude of the authorities, who, it is alleged, failed to redress some of the grievances of the candidates contesting the election. The demand for re-election also is made.

JAMIAT ULEMAI-HIND ANNUAL SESSION

The Secretary, Jamiat-Ulema-i-Hind, Delhi, writes:

The Working Committee of the Jamiat Ulamai-Hind has accepted the invitation of the U. P. Provincial Jamiat Ulema to hold its plenary session in Lucknow from 16th to 18th April.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Formulation of General Policy and Programme of Jamiat Ulema-Hind in details, in the new political set up of the country.
2. Proposed amendments in the constitution of Jamiat Ulema-Hind warranted by the creation of new states Unions and Provinces and the extension of the present Jamiat Organization.
3. Accounts for the year 1367 Hijri and Audit report.
4. Proposal for adoption of new Financial set up.
5. Budget for the next year.

Some of the provinces have not submitted the list of their members which should be sent to the Head Office of the Central Jamiat Ulema Hind, Delhi, at the earliest opportunity. The fee of membership of the Central Jamiat Ulema Hind is Rs 3 while delegate's fee is Re. 1 only which should be sent to the Secretary Jamiat Ulema Hind Gali Quasimjan, Delhi, at an early date.

U.S. ECONOMIC AID TO HOLLAND

No Matter Even If It Does Not Obey U.N., Says Tom Connally

WASHINGTON, March 30 (PTI-Reuter).—Senator Tom Connally, (Texas) said today that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which he is Chairman, had rejected an effort to deprive Holland of economic aid.

The Committee would oppose any such move on the Senate floor, he added.

Senator Connally said this when it became known that an amendment to deny aid to any nation which refused to obey the orders and requests of the United Nations Security Council is to be presented by Senator Owen Brewster a Maine (Republican). It is an attempt to deny Holland aid because of her military operations in Indonesia.

Senator Connally said that the United Nations alone had jurisdiction in such matters.

"It would be improper for the United States unilaterally to bring pressure to influence the Netherlands or any Government in a similar situation," he added.

Indian Doctor For Liverpool Hospital

Dr A. J. Pais, M.B.B.S., D.G.O. (Dublin) who after a post-graduate course at the Rotunda Hospital, which is exclusive for training in Gynaecology and Midwifery, passed the D.G.O. of Dublin University with distinction, standing first among over 50 candidates has now been appointed as Assistant Surgeon in Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Liverpool Hospital by the Governing Body of that City.

The Medical Board of Liverpool has also selected Dr. Pais as a consultant and placed him on the special list of consultants in Obstetrics for the City of Liverpool.

Dr Pais is the son of well-known Goan practitioner, Dr. Ubaldo Pais who also distinguished himself gaining the Lord Sandhurst Gold Medal and Morehead Prize in Medicine of the Bombay University.

DO PLASTIC STRAPS CAUSE LEUCODERMA?

A. I. P. M. C. Appoints Special Sub-Committee To Report On Subject

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The allegation made by a Madras M.L.A. that plastic watch straps caused leucoderma was strongly refuted today when a general discussion on the subject took place, at the All-India Plastics Manufacturers' Conference at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay.

Certain experts who were concerned with the manufacture of plastics were present on the occasion, and they all expressed the view that if proper materials were used plastics were non-injudious and did not cause any skin disease.

The experts are Dr. Patel of "Bakelite", Mr. Geown of the I.C.I. and Mr. French of B. X. Plastics, London. All the three are imported manufacturers of the compound known as plastic.

However, to satisfy public opinion and to clear the slightest vestige of doubt the Conference adopted a resolution referring the question to a special Sub-Committee to be appointed by the Managing Committee of the Association, "to take authoritative opinion from the manufacturers and other independent, suitable authorities on the subject, and report its findings in due course".

The Conference viewed with concern the Government of India's recent export trade policy which prohibited the exports of plastics-ware and plastic-manufactures.

The Conference expressed the view that co-ordination between industry and the Government's policy could be achieved by the latter inspiring confidence in investors, making financial resources easily available, by providing all transport facilities and by protecting the industry by banning the free import of plastic articles.

The Conference also viewed with great concern the dumping of the Indian market with foreign electrical accessories, and thus rendering Indian manufactured articles unsaleable.

The Conference urged the Government of India to ban the import of such electrical accessories as were manufactured in India.

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KALYAUMAL S. C.	3	BHIMRAJ S. C.	0
LUCKY STARS, BELGAUM	2	BOMBAY CITY	2

After having very nearly lost their engagement with the local Bombay City in the first quarter of an hour's play, the Lucky Stars from Belgaum retrieved the position during the final phase of the game and when the full-time whistle blew had the satisfaction of having sent in the equaliser to the boards. Extra time, however, failed to produce the decider.

Earlier i the evening Kalyanmal got all their goals in the first half to eliminate the Bhimraj Sports Club by three goals to nil.

Two runaway goals by centre-forward Walsh, together with the inability of the visiting side to settle down to any sort of constructive play appeared to lead matters to the first surprise of this year's Aga Khan Hockey Tournament. The Belgaum side hit the ball aimlessly, sometimes even into their opponents, and the deficit of two goals put them on the verge of panic.

It was only after the interval that they settled down to some intelligent hockey. A constant and unrelenting pressure was maintained on the local side's goal, but lack of finishing deprived the Lucky Stars of a goal till some fifteen minutes from the end when Jamedi reduced the margin and some two minutes before the full-time whistle Dalvi netted the equaliser.

After saving some moderate shots, Clark, the Bombay City custodian was beaten on both the occasions by shots that he should have been able to save.

The City started off brightly converting such territorial advantage as they enjoyed into two goals before their opponents had settled down. Walsh, who got both the goals, was somewhat fortunate to put his side in so dominating a position so early in the game. The first shot which he took was a feeble dribble which got past the custodian the mistimed his kick. The second, however, was a good shot was he converted a pass from the right wing on to the boards at the first attempt. The shot went somewhat high to the right of the rival custodian who made no move to save it.

The absence of their untiring pivot, Albert Middlecoat during the vital last quarter of the match appears to have made some result on the final standings of the two teams. A defence which was never outstanding was rendered lame by the absence of their only resourceful spoiler who was absent for a short while.

The teams:

Lucky Starz, Belgaum—Nazir, J. Phillips and Faizulla; Shankar Powar, Mullik and A. Larim; Babalal, G. M. Dalvi, Jamedi, R. Kamble and Dangere.

Bombay City—P. Clark; K. Lynn and G. Ireland; C. Oliver, A. Middlecoat and R. David; M. Gardner, D. Ireland, R. Walsh, C. Gasper and R. Ledlie.

Earlier in the evening the Kalyanmal Mills, making their first appearance in the tournament started confidently by getting three goals in the first half against Bhimraj Sports Club, but faded out during the second half, when the absence of keenness deprived them of any increase in their tally. After Prabhu Dayal scored the first goal of the evening, Santee Ram added a quick brace.

The winners were playing well within themselves and appear to be a better side than the one which fielded last year. Though not in the grand form which enabled the Kalyanmals to lift the Aga Khan Trophy, Durga Prasad is still very good and his distribution, particularly his scooping the ball on to a forward have still retained their effectiveness as well as accuracy.

The teams:

Kalyanmal Mills—Babban, Rajanna and Munir; Nevsarkar, Durga Prasad and Rozario; Dadoo Ram, Prabhu Dayal, Santee Ram, Pillay and Champalal.

Bhimraj Sports Club—Khaja; K. Vaidya and R. More; K. Nadkarni, C. Jadhav and L. Tambe; Chavan, S. Tambe, More, S. Kadam and D. Jadhav.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

3-30 p.m. Blue Wizards vs. Mazagoan Inst.

4-30 p.m. Telegraph R.C. vs. Goans "B".

5-30 p.m. Dockyard "B" vs. St. Xavier's Association.

(JEPSON CUP)

Bombay Gymkhana Ground

4-15 p.m. Lucky Stars, Belgaum vs. Bombay City (Replay).

5-15 p.m. St. Xavier's "A" vs. Poona United (Aga Khan Tournament).

Boy's Own Club Prevail In Jepson Cup Hockey

BOMBAY, Wednesday

Boy's Own Sports Club gained a solitary goal win over Black Spiders in the Jepson Cup Match played on the Association Ground this evening.

Later, Mazagoan Institute and Blue Wizards failed to arrive at a decision. Neither, side were able to register any score although extra time was played. At the end of the second half Oscar D'Mello, Blue Wizards centre forward was injured badly on the eye and was bleeding profusely.

It is a pity that on such occasions neither first aid, nor any, medical attention is available. Mr. D'Mello had to be removed elsewhere for medical attention.

In the earlier game, Black Spiders were rather unlucky for they had many good scoring opportunities. The first half was blank, and only in the first stages of the second half did P. Fonseca register the all-important goal for Boys' Own.

Goan's "A" Enter Final Of Lewis Cup Hockey

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Goan Sports "A" conquered St. Xavier's College Junior outfit by the odd goal in three in the semi finals of the Lewis Cup Hockey Tournament held on St. Xavier's Ground, Parel. Goan Sports now meet St. Xavier's College "A" in the final on Saturday.

Goan Sports were lucky winners, for St. Xavier's went down fighting and a draw would have been the correct indication to a well fought game.

Eddie Correa and S. D'Souza scored for the Goans while A. Pereira scored for the Collegians.

Soviet Defence Line North Of Berlin

BERLIN, March 30 (PTI-Reuter):—The British licensed newspaper "Telegraf" claimed today that 12 munition plants in the Soviet Zone have been turning out light and heavy arms for the Russians at full pressure.

The newspaper alleged that the Russians were "erecting a defence line north of Berlin under cover of their spring manoeuvres".

McWilliams Open Golf Tournament

AUSTRALIA'S VON NIDA FAVOURITE

SYDNEY, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Play begins tomorrow in the McWilliams Wines Open Gold Tournament worth 2,500 Australian pounds. The field includes Cestilino Tugot, winner of the Philippines open championship this year Larry Montes, runner up to Tugot, both from the Philippines, and Bob Glading from New Zealand apart from the cream of amateur and professional golf in Australia.

Australia's Norman Von Nida, who finished third in the Philippines open, is favourite to win with Osie Pickworth, Australia's open champion also fancied.

One round will be played tomorrow and another on Friday and then the first 40 on aggregate for those 36 holes will play a final 36 holes on Saturday, April 2.

The first professional award is £600 (Australian).

Ceylon's Team For Unofficial "Test"

COLOMBO, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): The first four-day unofficial "Test" between the Pakistan touring team and Ceylon will be played at Colombo Oval from April 1.

The following players will represent Ceylon:

F. C De Saram (Captain), S. S. Jayawickreme, G. M. Spittel, S. Coomaraswamy, M. Rodrigo, C. I. Gunasekera. R. B. Wijeyesinghe, L. E. De Zoysa. C. V. Abeysekera, E. B. Nathaniels, and Makin Salih.

Pakistan team has not been announced

CERDAN BEATS TURPIN

Victory In Seventh Round

LONDON, March 29 (PTI-Reuter): Marcel Cerdan, French holder of the world middle-weight title, knocked out Dick Turpin, British champion in the seventh round of their ten-round non-title bout at the Empress Hall, here tonight.

The knock out punch which came from "out of the blue" was a perfect short left hook which connected with Turpin's jaw and dropped him flat on his face for a full count.

It was a blow out of which champions are made, for Cerdan had by no means enjoyed the better of an exciting and interesting bout upto that stage. In a battle of contrasting styles Turpin displayed superb defensive tactics against the aggressive Cerdan, who was always boring in.

Time after time Cerdan drove Turpin across the ring by the sheer force of his attack but Turpin covered up so well that most of Cerdan's vicious punches landed on his arms or sailed harmlessly over his head.

FINE FOR OVERWEIGHT.

Marcel Cerdan weighed in one and a quarter pounds overweight and as a result had to pay £ 500 forfeit.

This was one of the biggest forfeits of this nature paid for a contest. At the weighing the Frenchman scaled 11 stone 9¼ pounds instead of 11 stone 8 pounds at which the match was made. Turpin was inside the stipulated weight.

BADMINTON CRAZE IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, (By Mail): Since Malaya won the Thomas Cup, a badminton craze" has swept Singapore.

Sports stores report there is such a brisk trade in badminton equipment that sales are made practically every hour of the day.

"Badminton consciousness" is spreading fast, and some of whom who had "retired" are taking up the game again, while newcomers have also been won over.

One of the latest "victims" is Singapore high jump champion, Lloyd Valberg, who was placed eighth in the London Olympics.

"I have got the height, the reach and I think I can make a badminton player with the right training and coaching", Valberg said.

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BURMA REFUGEE ORGANISATION CASE

Special Tribunal Reserves Judgment

CALCUTTA, March 30 (API): The Special Tribunal in Belvedere reserved judgment after defence arguments concluded today in the 44-month old case known as the Burma Refugee Organisation Conspiracy Case arising out of a loss of about Rs. 63,00,000 to the Government of India.

The 22 accused in the case included Mr S. K Ghose, formerly of the Indian Civil Service, Khan Bahadur F. Karim a retired Government officer of the Provincial Service, and his son Rezai Karim, a lawyer. They were charged with conspiracy to commit criminal breach of trust in respect of funds of the Burma Refugee Organisation belonging to the Government of India.

Listowel On Malayan Situation

SINGAPORE, March 30. (PTI-Reuter)—Lord Listowel who has held Pacific Defence talks in Australia and New Zealand, when asked here today whether Australia would assume responsibility for the defence of Malaya said that this was something Australia would have to decide.

Lord Listowel, Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, arrived here on his way home today to discuss the Malayan situation with Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, British Commissioner General in South East Asia.

He told reporters, the peoples of Australia and New Zealand were showing an active interest in Malaya.

He would not comment further on the question of Malayan Defence.

'PUT ALL' RECORDS A NOTEWORTHY GALLOP

Raj Doot Also Pleases

By Our Track Reporter

The following are the track-trials from Mahaluxmi:

OUTER TAN

AAN BAAN (Antoo) and BAAZ BAHADUR (G. Chavan) strode in hand when covering the last six in 1 min. 22 secs. Both are in excellent trim.

SHAH FREDOON (Shaikh) moved freely when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 2⅞ secs.

PURE EMERALD (R.B.) PATAKHA (R.B.) and PRINCESS PAKISTAN were given light work over six furlongs They clocked 1 min. 23 secs.

GLITTER (Shiba) did a speedy six furlongs trial in 1 min. 20 1/2 secs.

THE GIRL FRIEND (Hanuman) moved impressively over six furlongs in 1 min 21 1/5 secs. She is likely to run well on Saturday.

SINHGARH (Deshmukh) moved at 3/4 pace when doing the last six in 1 min. 24 1/2 secs. He will be hard to defeat on Saturday.

RANA PRATAP (Jagdesh) held WINDSOR PARK (Duffy) when choking the last four in 50 1/2 secs. The former will be concerned in the finish in the Cup event.

GWALIOR EXPRESS (Deshmukh) showed the way to JAI MALHAR (R.B.) when sent over a mile at a fair pace Timing 1 min. 54 secs.

DOORANI (Hanuman) easily disposed of AJINKYA TARA II (Khalil) and JOF LOUIS (Khandu) was a poor third when covering six furlongs 1 min. 22 secs.

BOLD BANDIT (Chavan) was well in front of AZAD HIND (Uttam) when travelling over fur. The pair clocked 51 secs.

BELLE AMIE (Chavan) was superior when sent out with YOUR MAJESTY (Khade). Timing 51 1/2 secs.

BRILLIANT SUNSHINE (Chavan) was not exerted when making the last four in 53 1/2 secs.

SAITA (A Ahmed), COCKPIT PRIDE (Medhe) and ARMY AND NAVY (Cunningham) recorded 1 min. 23 secs for the last six furlongs. None extended.

TANTALUM (Cunningham) did an easy gallop over six in 1 min. 23 2/5 secs.

LIRA MALT (A. Ahmed) held LA CONTES (R.B.) when covering the last five in 1 min. 9 secs.

In an outstanding four furlongs trial, GEORGIE (Chavan) convincingly disposed of CHOCOLATE BABY (Uttam and clocked 50 1/2 secs.

RASILI (Antoo) and COOL AND COLLECTED (Kheem) made the last PRINCESSA (R.B.) moved better than REFORM (R.B.) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 21 1/5 secs.

Sent over again over three furlongs, THE GIRL FRIEND (Hanuman), did a three furlongs spin in 36 1/2 secs.

RACE GRASS

FIND OUT (Md. Khan) was ahead of JUST WAIT (R.B.) when sent over a mile. The last seven furlongs were covered in 1 min. 35 1/2 secs

MANISHA (Duffy) and SHUBHLUXMI (Hanuman) were in close order at the end of a nice six furlongs trial made in 1 min. 21 secs.

MISSING LINK (Md.) Khan) and NEAR IMAGE (Guman) negotiated six furlongs in 1 min. 23 secs. They were not unduly extended.

GIPSY BILL (Md. Khan) shaped better than MUMTAZ MAHAL (R.B.) when clocking 1 min. 21 1/5 secs. for a brisk six furlongs trial. The second-named is gradually coming to hand.

GAME BID (Duffy) and COURAGE (Hanuman) made a four furlongs trip in 52 secs.

CARNIVAL QUEEN (Medhe) held STAR SAPHIRE (Khalil) when sent over six. The last five were covered in 1 min 6 secs. The first named needs watching.

RAJ DOOT (Khalil) was better than FULL HOUSE (R.B.) when engaged in an excellent mile gallop. The last seven furlongs were covered in 1 min. 34 secs.

HONEY BUNCH (R.B.) covered six furlongs in 1 min. 21 1/2 secs.

CRESCENT (Md. Khan) strode nine furlongs in 2 mins. 5 secs.

GAY PILOT (Vasant) took 1 min. 48 secs to negotiate a mile.

THE JUDGE (Damodar) strode in great style over ten furlongs in 2 mins. 18 secs.

PUT ALL (Purtu) showed out from PAY MASTER (Md.) Khan) when concerned in a splendid nine furlongs gallop. The former was hard held and clocked 2 mins. 4½ secs.

LALAJI (Vasant) covered nine furlongs in 2 mins. 6 secs.

BOTH POST MASTER (Md. Khan) and PILLAR TO POST (Bhoor) were not driven all out when covering seven furlongs in 1 min. 38 secs.

FOWZIA (R.B.) had the measure of LONDON TAN (Duffy) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 21 1/2 secs. The latter was in hand.

KISS MISS (Md. Khan), PAST THE POST (R.B.) and PICK MONEY (R.B.) made six furlongs in 1 min. 22¼ secs. three in 38 1/2 secs.

Field Of 21 For Lumley Gold Cup

THE KURLA PLATE Division II—Distance 1 mile.

Gwalior Express 9-2; Icy Hot 9-0; Duchess of Ramgarh 8-9; Phone Again 8-2; Crepe de Chine 7-10; Mon Ami 7-5.

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THE KURLA PLATE Division I—Distance 1 mile.

King's Star 9-1; Sinhgarh 9-0; Gold and Silver 8-11; Ma Cherie 8-10; Jahan Zaib 8-9; Prove It 8-8; Yemin Ul Mulk 8-6; Magic Love 8-3; Chandrakor 8-3.

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THE CALCUTTA PLATE—Distance about 1 1/2 miles.

Battle Out 9-5; Queen's Cup 8-11; Mardan 9-1; Wet Bob 8-12; Ginger Lady 8-11; Brilliant Sunshine 8-7, Pure Emerald 8-4; Puri Pakodi 8-1; Pearl Mahal 7-12; Luminary 8-3; Adorable 8-3; Lalaji 7-5; Miss Rutty 6-9; Yipee 6-7.

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THE ACUMEN PLATE—Distance 7 furlongs.

Musafir 9-3; Zalim 8-7; Onslaught 9-3; The Girl Friend 9-0; Lady Doctor 9-0; Reshone 8-7; Shah Fredoon 8-7; Bihari 8-7; The Conqueror 8-7; Dry Day 8-7.

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THE SYED MUSTAPHA PLATE Division II—Distance 6 furlongs.

Ghizala 9-3; Rashtrapati 9-2; Bold Bandit 8-11; Mah-I-Nau 8-10; Invader 8-8; Yearling 8-8; Vie On 8-6; Joutette 8-4; Full Poppy 8-2; Princessa 8-0; Star Saphire 7-13; Dashera 7-11; Gori 7-8; Padshah Begum 7-6.

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THE LUMLEY GOLD CUP—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Repartee 9-4; Rajput Warrior 9-2; Cocktop 9-0; Aan Baan 9-0; Baaz Bahadur 8-7; Laila 8-11; Gay Pilot 8-11; Chin Up 8-10; Goodwill 8-10; The Judge 8-8; Khundil 8-8; Masked Player 8-7; Rana Pratap 8-7; Windsor Park 8-5; Crescent 8-4; Find Out 8-4 Subh Luxmi 8-3; Game Bid 8-3; Nirvana 8-0; Put All 7-8; Prospero 7-7.

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THE SYED MUSTAPHA PLATE Division I—Distance 6 furlongs.

Flying Clipper 9-2; Morton Daisy 9-0; My Pet 9-0; Sweetie Shah 8-10; Azad Hind 8-10; Hikmet 8-5; Queen of Gwalior 8-2; Gentle Whisper 8-2; Manisha 8-0; Peggotty 7-10.

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THE NADIAD PLATE—Distance 1 mile.

Jawahir 9-2; Maduri 9-0; Doorani 8-13; Post Master 8-10; Flying Arrow 8-8; Parting Summer 8-7; Pankaj 7-4; Ramal 8-3; Full House 8-2; Raj Doot 7-10; Fair Haven 8-1; Chocolate Baby 7-13.

CALCUTTA RACING SEASON ENDS

Maharaja Of Parlakemedi Tops Owners' List

CALCUTTA, March 30 (API): The Maharaja of Parlakemedi headed the list of successful owners for the 1948-49 Calcutta racing season under R. C. T. C rules which ended last Saturday.

The Maharaja has won Rs. 132,800 in Stake money, of which Rs. 80,000 was won by Ocean Way, winner of 4 races including the King's Cup and the Governor-General's Cup.

Mr F. Collingwood was runner up with the total Stake money earnings of Rs 82,350, followed by the Raja of Ramnad who won Rs. 67,750.

The most successful trainer was Goswell, with 22 wins and Stake money winnings of Rs. 2,15,800. Balfour with 18 wins and Rs. 2,44,900 was second and Bliss, with 16 wins, Rs. 1,11,250 third.

Among jockeys, Davis headed the list with 19 wins while Sibbritt and Younger tied for second place with 16 wins each.

TOBACCO MANUFACTURE AND MARKETING

Central Committee Meeting In Madras

NEW DELHI, March 30

Various sub-committees of the Indian Central Tobacco Committee have met in Madras since March 28 and made recommendations to be considered finally at the full session of the Committee on Thursday. The Committee whose headquarters have been recently transferred to Madras from Bombay is holding its 8th session here on that day, Sardar Datar Singh, Vice-Chairman, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, presiding.

The Marketing Sub-Committee of the Indian Central Tobacco Committee met here on Tuesday and reviewed the arrangements made for securing first hand information of the trend of the tobacco trade in the United Kingdom and the continental markets, for which purpose a Sales Officer was recently appointed by the Committee. This officer was to study closely the conditions of the tobacco market in U.K. and other European countries and to keep the Committee posted with up-to-date information regarding the possibilities of expanding the demand for Indian tobacco abroad.

He would also act as the liaison between the buyers abroad and exporters in India. Similar officers would be appointed in other European centres if the work of the Sales Officer met with success in U. K.

MARKETING IN INDIA

Among other technical matters coming up for consideration at the annual session opening today, are the question of improving the marketing of tobacco in the Guntur District, and proposals for establishing a redrying plant for flue-cured tobacco and cold storage in Guntur.

In regard to marketing in India, the sub-committee have recommended that from the next season the selling and buying of tobacco should be made at established auction floors only. This measure is intended to enable the grower to get a fair price for his produce

INDO-BRITISH FRIENDSHIP

Eden On His Commonwealth Tour Impressions

LONDON, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, landed at London airport today from his nine-week-Commonwealth tour. He told reporters: "Everywhere there is robust confidence in our enduring partnership as a Commonwealth."

In his 40,000-mile trip he has visited Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Malaya, India and Pakistan.

Of India he said "we were impressed by the good feeling existing towards the British.

"In Pakistan, as in India, administrative problems are formidable as a result of partition but fair progress is being made so far as we could judge."

Of Malaya, Mr. Eden said "though conditions are still serious, headway is now being made in dealing with the bandit. It must be clearly understood that these lawless activities are in no sense a national movement. They have no support from 99 per cent of the population.

TRUMAN'S EUROPEAN AID BUDGET

Proposal To Make Ten Per Cent Reduction

WASHINGTON, March 30. (PTI-Reuter)—A formidable move to reduce by ten per cent President Truman's proposed 5,580 million dollars Budget for European aid developed in the Senate last night.

Senator Robert Taft, Chairman of the Republican Party Policy Committee, was joined by Senator Richard B. Russel, (Democrat, Georgia) in proposing an amendment to cut the aid funds.

Senator Walter F. George (Democrat, Georgia) Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senator Edwin C. Johnson (Democrat, Colorado) said they would support the amendment.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, opposed the amendment, saying it "would seriously impair the programme". He predicted the Taft-Russell proposal would receive "a good many votes".

A final vote on the aid programme will not. It is thought, be taken until Thursday or Friday.

INDIAN VISITORS TO CAL-AERO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

GLENDALE, CALIF. (By Air Mail) Recent visitors at Cal-Aero Technical Institute in Glendale, were G. S. Subramaniam, Deputy Director of Training and Licensing for the Government of India, from New Delhi, and Kamala Shrinagesh, of Kolhapur, (Bombay Presidency), who is currently a commercial air student at the University of Southern California. The visitors were shown about the school by Cal-Aero Director of Training Hugh G. Nicholson and Chief Engineer John Dickinson.

Pictured above in one of the engineering school drafting rooms with two of the Indian students enrolled at Cal-Aero are, left to right: Director Nicholson; Miss Shrinagesh; Students Maurice R. Meyers of Calcutta, and Mahades S. Bhagwat, of Poona; Mr. Subramanian; and Chief Engineer Dickinson.

Maurice R. Meyers is the nephew of Mrs. F. Raptakos, Heliopolis, Colaba, in Bombay while Mahades S. Bhagwat is the son of S. R. Bhagwat 282 Sadashiv Peth, Poona 2, India. Enrolled in the two-year aeronautical engineering course at Cal-Aero Technical Institute both of the young men from India are scheduled to complete their training at the California technical school in November, 1949.

Gujrath Iron Works Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Gujarath Iron Works, Ahmedabad, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. P. D. Vyas.

FOOD PROCUREMENT DRIVE IN BOMBAY

Satara Maintains Lead: "Levy Day" In Mayani

Satara district has been maintaining its lead in the food procurement drive since the campaign was inaugurated by the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. M. P. Patil, in Walva taluka last month. Already, the district has contributed 1,20,000 bags of foodgrains, about one and half times its total levy bills, which were 85,000 bags.

Emulating the fine example of brother cultivators of Walva and Tasgaon talukas, agriculturists of Mayani in Khatao taluka celebrated a "Levy Day" on March 27, over which the Minister for Industries, Backward Classes and Fisheries, Mr. G. D. Tapase, presided, on special invitation. A cattle show was also arranged on the occasion.

The performance of Mayani is unique inasmuch as it has so far contributed more than half the quota of Khatao taluka, which was 9,000 bags.

The Minister congratulated the villagers for keeping up the traditions of Satara district, which was always in the vanguard of popular movements. He regretted that an agricultural country like India should depend upon imported foodgrains, for which crores of rupees were being spent every year. It was high time, he said, to pledge ourselves to make our country, as Prime Minister Pandit Nehru had advised, self-sufficient in food within a couple of years.

Mr. Tapase then referred to the schemes of the Government of Bombay to help the agriculturists to step up production by supplying improved seeds, manures and anti-pest and plant disease devices, etc., and urged upon them to avail themselves of the opportunities offered. He assured them that the Government was prepared to spend more money on these schemes if required.

Explaining the procurement policy of the Government, Mr Tapase said that generally the foodgrains collected were utilised locally. But there were deficit areas and also sections of community not agricultural. These depended for subsistance on the procured foodgrains and their demands had to be met by the Government. The Minister reminded his audience that even the agriculturists who celebrated the Levy Day depended on outside help in respect of their requirements of cloth and other necessaries of life.

At the end of the meeting, the Minister gave away prizes, the feature of which being recognition of individual as well as collective contributions.

Presiding over the prize distribution ceremony at the Cattle Show in the evening, the Industries Minister emphasised the need for preserving the cattlewealth of the country.

The Minister presided over another "Levy Day" function at Koregaon, where hundreds of bullock carts loaded with foodgrains had come to receive him. He inspected the carts and distributed prizes.

Excursion Facilities For Pupil Teachers

With a view to making excursion facilities available to all the pupil teachers of the Training Colleges for Primary teachers, the Government of Bombay has revised the rates of excursion charges payable by it for the different categories of teachers. Teachers admitted to Government training institutions and Local Authority teachers admitted to non-Government institutions will each be paid Rs. 5 a month as excursion charges, while teachers from private Primary schools and fresh candidates admitted to non-Government institutions will each get Rs. 2-1/2 a month.

INDIAN NATIONAL INTERIM COMMISSION

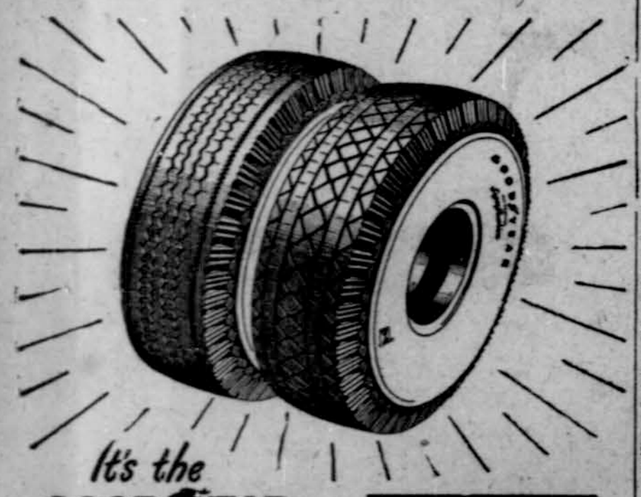
Nehru To Inaugurate First Session On April 9

NED DELHI, March 30. (API)—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister will inaugurate the first session of the Interim Indian National Commission on April 9 here. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Education Minister, will preside.

The Interim Commission, which will cooperate with UNESCO consists of 45 members representing educational scientific and cultural organisations, 15 nominated members and 18 official members representing the Central Government, Provinces and States.

The inaugural session will be followed by a meeting of the three sub-commissions on Education, Science and Culture. Each subcommission will consist of 15 members in addition to any official and nominated members who may be assigned to it.

A plenary meeting of the Commission will be held on April 19.



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BOMBAY RACES

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RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

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That writer does the most, who gives his reader the most knowledge and takes from him the least time.

—SYDNEY SMITH

PRIMARY EDUCATION PLAN

The administration of primary education in the city of Bombay has come in for increasing attention and criticism at the hands of the Municipal Corporation as well as the general public. When the Committee was first constituted in 1909, the idea for its composition, powers and function was taken, in conformity with the current fashion, from the Committee system prevailing in the Municipal Councils of Great Britain. The fundamental difference between the British municipal system and the prevailing system in Bombay wherein the Municipal Commissioner was the executive head of all spending departments of the Municipality was overlooked. Two glaring anomalies came into view pretty early in the working of the Schools Committee and its affairs. Here was a committee of 16 persons, twelve Municipal Councillors and four outsiders, most of whom found themselves on the committee not because they knew anything of education or administration, but because they were members of political parties. These 16 persons were charged with executive powers and every question, from fixing a text-book or granting leave to making appointments of teachers, came to be discussed by the committee and decisions taken on it. Those who have watched this committee at work, have been struck with the utter fatuity of the whole proceeding—the manoeuvring for advantages, the squabbles for appointments and so on. Discipline in the Schools Department just could not be what it should be because the Secretary of the Schools Committee has to take instructions from a committee of 16 and enforce it against persons some of whom may have had the backing of sections of the committee. Besides this the Secretary was not a mere educational officer but had to be an administrative and financial officer as well, because it fell to him or her to frame the budget and look after the accounts as well. There was this further and still greater anomaly that, while the Schools Committee had practically no source of revenue, it had a growing expense bill and there was a constant conflict between the Schools Committee, on the one hand, and the Standing Committee and the Corporation, on the other. The Schools Committee could never frame a budget or lay down a programme of development for fear that the Standing Committee might turn it down.

All these anomalies will be ended at one stroke if the radical reforms suggested by Mr. R. V. Parulekar, Special Officer regarding the composition, powers and functions of the Schools Committee are adopted by the Government, and legislation brought forward along those lines. According to Mr. Parulekar's recommendations, the Municipal Commissioner will be made the Executive Head of the Education Department as of all other spending departments of the Municipality. He will be assisted by an Education officer whose sole business will be to look after educational matters. The administrative work of the Schools Committee will be transferred to the Municipal Secretary and the work of looking after the accounts will go to the office of the Chief Accountant. This will enable the Education officer to concentrate on what really is his essential duty and discipline will improve. Secondly, and this is far more important, the Municipal Commissioner will be able to frame his education budget keeping in view the entire resources of the Municipality and the deeds and demands of the different sections and departments of the Municipality. This would be a more satisfactory way of budgetting than the present system of autonomy, which is totally unreal. The argument that the concentration of further powers in the hands of an administrative officer and the divesting of the powers of the Schools Committee is against the spirit of Local Self-Government is untenable because the Commissioner is after all subject to the control of the Corporation, which is a fully democratic body, based as it is on adult franchise. Besides, Mr. Parulekar envisages the setting up of a small and compact advisory committee of eight Municipal Councillors which will have an effective voice in laying down the educational policy which the Commissioner has to follow. As long as these are drawn from the Corporation itself, there is no question of the Commissioner riding roughshod over their advice. It is possible to improve on Mr. Parulekar's plan or to amend it in minor details, but we do feel that on a broad view it is much better to make radical changes on the lines indicated by him, than merely tinker with the present set-up and waste time and energy in minor alterations which leave the fundamental structure intact.

Another aspect of the recommendations made by Mr. Parulekar also deserve serious attention at the hands of the Government, the Corporation and the public generally. He points out that the first priority in the city's primary education is an effective enforcement of compulsion. At present compulsion is merely a paper business, a matter of statute, not of fact. The biggest obstacle to the effective enforcement of compulsion is finance. If the Government is really keen on compulsion—and we must necessarily presume it is very keen—it follows that they must be prepared to see that it does not become a farce for want of funds. The Shroff Committee recommended that the grant for primary education should be equal to 25 per cent of the approved expenditure subject to a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs. This recommendation is based on the analogy of Ahmedabad, where, however, education is still on a voluntary basis. While 25 per cent contribution may be fair when education is on a voluntary basis, when it is made compulsory Government must agree to a 50 per cent contribution; and there should be nothing like a ceiling placed on the contribution as suggested by the Shroff Committee. With compulsion working as imperfectly as it is today, there are already 1,21,000 children on the rolls of Municipal schools. Under complete compulsion this figure is bound to rise greatly. There cannot be complete compulsion at partial cost, and the Government should make up its mind on this vital issue. A change in the present attitude has been long over-due.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

MELBOURNE, March 29

Australian Minister of Information and Immigration, Mr. A. A. Calwell sent a letter today to Mrs. Lorenzo Gamboa offering her and her two children one-way passage to America. Mrs. Gamboa is the wife of Corporal Lorenzo Gamboa, Filipino-born United States citizen and a member of the Army Occupation Forces in Tokyo who had been refused entry to Australia under the "White Australia" policy.

—P.T.I.-Reuter.

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Announcing the forthcoming Commonwealth Conference, Mr. Attlee informed the House of Commons that the Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon would be able to attend.

We are looking forward to the Prime Minister of South Africa demanding "Apartheid" in the Conference Room.

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Mr. Attlee, by the way, later told the House that certain "confidential" proposals had been sent back to the various Governments for approval.

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"I am", says Admiral Chester Nimitz "a great believer in the United Nations and am willing to do all in my power to enforce its objectives."

So is everybody. Even the Security Council. And its wonderful capacity to "enforce" the U. N. "objectives"—well, we needn't say more.

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According to a Peshawar report, the followers of the Faqir of Ipi and Frontier policemen who were "escorting" some (pro-Pakistan) tribal chiefs, exchanged fire on Monday at Mohruand near Miranshah.

Both the Indian Union and Afghanistan are tremblingly wondering which direction Abdul Qaiyum's "heinous plot" would take.

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IRAN'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT —

Work on 7-year Plan To Be Started This Summer.

—HEADLINES

Splendid. But—will Iran be there?

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The Israel-Transjordan armistice talks are now "nearing the end", a U. N. mediation official said today.—Rhodes message.

If those talks didn't what would?

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The Republican central commissariat in Java announces the murder of the Republican Minister, Mr. Supeno by the Dutch, for refusing to disclose the whereabouts of other Republican leaders.

An utterly unfounded and heinous accusation Supeno died of an enlarged spleen in the alternative he was killed by the enemies of the Dutch or, again in the alternative, he maliciously committed suicide in order to show up the Dutch in a bad light.

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Declaring acceptance of the Security Council's latest plea for preliminary discussions with the Indonesian Republicans, the Netherlands Goverment says it has noted "that it is the sense of the Security Council that the suggested discussions will be held without prejudicing the rights, claims and positions of the parties."

The Security Council will respectfully agree to any interpretation desired by the Netherlands Governments.

ARE JAINS HINDUS?

(BY RATANCHAND HIRACHAND).

THE entire Jain community in India whose population is about 26 lacs is agitated with a fear that they will be made to call themselves Hindus by some kind of legislation in the near future. Mr. Dabhi, M.L.A., in fact proposed to bring a bill in the Bombay Assembly to remove caste distinction; and his intention obviously was to include all the Jains in this Presidency under the head 'Hindus'. The minds of the Jains were naturally agitated over this move in the Assembly to which an amendment by Mr. Maganlal H. Shah, M.L.A. was proposed to be brought in with a view to exclude Jains from the scope of this bill, as in the case of Parsis, Christian, Sikhs, Jews, Europeans etc. Looking to the unfavourable atmosphere created by the Jain community throughout India to Mr. Dhabi's bill and probably thinking that it was very pre-mature even for Hindu community, he withdrew the bill recently.

Origin Of The Faith

The answer to the question "Are Jains Hindus?" can be found in the question "Are Hindus Jains?" Many scholars and many minister must be already knowing that Jainism is distinctly different from Hindu religion and is also very ancient and not simply originated from the time of Lord Mahaveer who was the last of 24 Teerthankaras or incarnations of the Jain religion. It is now extensively known among the educated people that the Jainism is neither the branch of Buddhism nor of Hindu religion, nor it is quite true that Mahaveer founded it. There is a historical proof that Mahaveer and his family were the followers of a religion which was preached by Parasnath Teerthankar about 250 years before Mahaveer. Even Buddha probably followed the same Faith before he established Buddhism.

Going back to the pre-historic times, we have got firm ground to believe that Jainism existed long before the Vedic period as a distinctly separate religion from Hinduism, has been admitted by High Court Judges like Justice Rangnekar.

Jainism is not of recent origin like Buddhism nor there is proof to show that it is originated from Vedic religion. For, Jainism does not worship the Vedas and fully detest the animal sacrifice which is not clearly dis-approved in the Vedas.

Ethics And Philosophy

If we examine the philosophy and ethic principles in Jainism, it is very different in important points and there is no similarity with Hinduism in those points. From outward similarity of manners and customs which are the results of climatic conditions of this country, many people are apt to think that Jains are Hindus; and some people simply want to believe as such. But the Jain community is opposed to this view and will not rest content till their independent existence is assured by the Government.

The Jainism does not believe in the creation of the Universe by the God nor does it believe in the will of the God as the cause and effect of changes that take place in the Universe. This is a great fundamental difference. The Jain religion believes in the eternity of the Universe with changing vicissitudes and lays stress on the Karma which alone leads an individual soul to salvation. It is incorrect to suppose that the Jainism is an atheism as it aims at the emancipation of the soul which is attained by individual effort by a process which is founded on the principle of Ahimsa in its widest sense.

Ahimsa For Lasting Peace

The Jainism has come down from times immemorial and has preserved, in the Aryan culture, the brightest jewel in the form of the principle of Ahimsa. Late scholars like Tilak and Gandhi have recognised the important contribution Jain people have made to the civilisation and culture of India by practising Ahimsa in the minutest form possible and on an extensive scale which pervades the living and the dead in the world. Not only this but the Jains have extended this high ideal in the inner soul and has brought this into the practice of daily life to bring the actions of the man through a proper channel which would lead him to the desired ultimate goal.

The world in the present time is in great need of peace and love between man and man. The spirit of selfishness and exploitation has an upper hand which can only be wiped out by self-renunciation and Ahimsa.

The Jain ethics lays down very strict rules about the saintliness and godliness which is founded on complete self-renunciation and practice of Ahimsa in mind, in speech and in action. Excitable Gods, sexual Gods and Hatayogi saints make no impression on the ethics of the Jainism and form no object of worship. The hierarchy of Gods in Jainism is distinctly separate though heroes like Ram and Sita and many others are recognised as having attained salvation.

Fortunately there is a ray of hope in the minds of Jains and they think that the spirit of democracy of the present age will not betray itself by forcibly dragging the Jain community under the name and style of Hindus.

Contribution To Languages

The Jains have made valuable and extensive contribution to the development of the present languages in different provinces. In fact the most of the old literature in Kanarese and in Tamil and other languages is found written by Jain authors and poets. The respect and reverence profoundly shown by the present day rulers of Rajputana and Mysore clearly indicate that the Jains have some day in the past tried to preserve these kingdoms for their rulers.

Jainism in its ideal is a passive religion and cannot be aggressive. It preaches, it explains, it loves. No wonder therefore that the principles of this ethics are adopted by the prophet and saints of other religions for the human nature among the saints with whatever faith would be the same everywhere. It is therefore most essential in the interest of humanity not to allow this religion and the community to fade into the past. On the contrary it should be preserved, it should be nourished, it should be encouraged to expand throughout the world.

MONGHYR PURSE FOR GANDHI FUND

MONGHYR, March 30 (UPI): A purse of Rs. 1,05,000 was presented to Dr. Rajendra Prasad on behalf of the people of Monghyr District for the Gandhi National Memorial Fund last night at a meeting held here in the Town Hall. It may be recalled that Monghyr had earlier contributed Rs. 2,32,000 to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund

Dhanbad Quota

JHARIA, March 30 (UPI): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Chairman of the Gandhi Memorial Fund, was presented with a purse of Rs. 35,900 by the Dhanbad Committee of the Gandhi National Memorial Fund yesterday at a public meeting held at the Dhanbad Town Hall. A further sum of Rs 15,000 was also promised by the Dewan Bahadur Waliram Taneja at the meeting.

The third All-India Betelnut Conference is proposed to be held some time in the first week of May, 1949 at Sirsi. All interested in the profession are requested to attend.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Postal Delivery At Sholapur

Sir,—It is unthinkable that Sholapur city—the fourth city in Bombay Province—should have only one postal delivery during its 24 hours and that too in the year (March) 1949 A.D., when due to more mails the R.M.S. department was compelled recently to attach Mail Vans even to the "Express Trains" besides our usual Mail Trains.

So I wish to draw the attention the local postal authorities towards this inconvenience of the public and request them to arrange one more postal delivery at least.—Yours etc.

G. K. DEODURG

Cloth Shortage

Sir,—The best way to mitigate cloth shortage is to provide plentiful mill-spun yarn to handlooms and give the latter an incentive by reserving certain varieties such as coating and shirting etc., for them. The mills should produce only fine cloth and to be more productive and economical they should concentrate on cloth of large widths in particular. The hand-spun yarn is not only dearer and scarcer at present, but its process of production being very slow, it adversely affects hand-loom manufacture and deprives many in getting employed to it. Yarn spinning should be greatly stressed in the mills and the new ones to be started should be exclusively wool and cotton spinning mills.

If for a time the output touches the point of over-production, it will bring such capitalists to senses as have been trying to raise the prices by slowing down the production.

D. N. CAPOOR

Science And Swadeshi

Sir,—From reports appearing in newspapers it appears that Government of India intend opening a factory to manufacture radio and radar equipment in India and that recently they have entered into an agreement with a French firm for preparing a project report on the scheme of manufacturing radio and radar equipment in India. It may be recalled that our Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru immediately after assumnig office had appointed a Scientific Man Power Committee with a view to utilising the indigenous scientific and industrial talents available within Government Departments and outside. I am of opinion that India abounds in scientific and industrial talents. If the above-mentioned Scientific Man-Power Committee had been posted with proper and accurate informations about the available Indian talents, they could have secured the services of our own men for preparing schemes such as the one referred to above, without having had to approach foreigners to do our national jobs.

I. L. PATEL

B.C.G. Vaccination

Sir,—In the correspondence columns of the "Bombay Chronicle", dated 29th March, 1949, Dr. Basker Patel, Hon. Secretary, B.C.G. Vaccination Committee, Bombay, has stated as follows:

"Those non-reactor children who may voluntarily submit themselves for vaccination have not to be segregated as there is no need for segregation."

I was one of those who attended the meeting at the Municipal Town Hall addressed by Dr. Benjamin and one of the foreign experts. As one who had a T. B. patient in my house, I asked whether the BCG vaccine would be of some help to immunize the other members of my family. Dr. Benjamin said that the vaccine was intended for such immunization, but added that probably all the other members of the household might, through contact with the patient, either have developed immunity or have caught the disease, but that if, on test, anyone of the members was found to react negative, then BCG vaccine could be used to immunize that member. And he DEFINITELY—leaving no doubt in my mind—said that after inoculation, those inoculated must be segregated from the patient (or the patient should be removed from the house) for a period of six weeks.

So, either Dr. Patel or Dr. Benjamin is wrong. In the interest of those who are to be inoculated, this point must be cleared.

If segregation is essential, I wonder how many of those who are to be inoculated, can afford the luxury of this segregation for six weeks. In Bombay City at any rate no safe place for segregation can be found: So, segregation should be out of Bombay City.—Yours etc.,

"A Professional Reporter".

Govt.'s Emergency Powers

Sir,—I was surprised to read your note "A Necessity" in your esteemed paper of 21st inst. (Dak Edition), in which you made a sweeping statement that in most cases where errors were detected or pointed out they have been mended and regret has been expressed. In this connection I must frankly say that my experience unfortunately is quite the opposite. Here is a case of my relation, Mr. M. B. Tembulkar. This innocent man was clapped into jail for alleged complicity with R.S.S. during Hyderabad Police action. It is not an exaggeration to say that in the opinion of the people in Cambay, who know him, it is an absurd allegation as he is a man not with a bent of mind for Politics, least of all Politics of R.S.S. type. But that did not save him from being a victim of that act. He was subsequently released on furnishing a security for Rs. 1000/-. This case has been brought to the notice of the Bombay Government, but they are neither prepared to disclose evidence, if any, of a compromising nature against him nor exonerate him from suspicion and withdraw the security.

What is the remedy in such cases? Their lot is unenviable as they can not move a court of Law to vindicate their honour and the sword of Democles is hanging over their heads, which you would admit, is not a pleasant prospect to a respectable and cultured man. I wonder if such cases will be referred to the ex-Judge of the Bombay High Court appointed by the Government to scrutinise cases under that Act.

None would grudge our Government emergency powers when the country is passing through a critical stage like the present one. But the working of emergency measures has always been a source of anxiety to the people.—Yours, etc.

A CITIZEN

NEED FOR TRAINED FORESTERS

Discussion At Mysore Conference

MYSORE, March 30, (API): The general session of the third international forestry and timber utilisation conference for Asia and the Pacific opened here this morning. Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya presided.

The conference discussed the need for trained foresters, establishment of schools for training forest personnel and exchange of students and technicians between the countries in this region.

Mr. C. A. R. Bhadran (India) leading the discussion said that the need for more trained foresters in India had been accentuated by the sudden exodus of British personnel from the Indian forest service after 1948.

He commended for the consideration of the conference (1) need for increased trained foresters for the efficient management of the forests of countries in the region (2) feasibility of expansion of the existing facilities for training in forestry (3) possibility of the introduction of forestry as a subject of study in the pre-University stages and (4) framing of directives regarding methods for rapid training of qualified technicians for forest industries.

Several delegates, who took part in the discussions, described the existing arrangements in their respective countries for training forest personnel. The chairman then appointed a working group with Mr. Bhadran as leader and representatives of France, Netherlands, Newzaland and Burma as members assisted by Dr. Lin, technical secretary, FAO, to go into the question and submit a report to the conference.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

An Urgent Social Reform

The Bombay Assembly may be congratulated on its passing Mrs. Lilavati Munishi's Bill seeking to make cognisable all offences committed under the Bombay Child Marriage Restraint Act. The speedy passage of a non-official Bill in a few hours speaks for the urgent reform embodied in it. In the absence of such a measure marriages of girls under 14 were being conducted without the offenders being prosecuted. No serious objection was or could be advaneed against the Bill and the Home Minister said that Government itself had been considering for a long time the question of sponsoring such legislation. It is only dilatory tactics to suggest that such legislation should be initiated by the Central Legislature. If the present Central Assembly had taken up such a Bill, there would still be the frivolous objection that this body was not competent to consider any questions other than the constitution of the country and urgent general legislation.

An All-India Bill

It is interesting to note in this connection that a Select Committee of the Central Assembly approved only last week Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava's more radical non-official Bill to raise the marriageable age of males from 18 to 20 and of females from 14 to 15. The Committee also feels that the punishment of fine prescribed in the original act is not deterrent enough and that courts should be vested with power to award simple imprisonment in suitable cases. As regards the proposal in the Bill to restrict marriages between females below the age of 18 and males above the age of 45, the Select Committee thinks that the proposal is both undesirable and unworkable. Unequal marriages are best prevented by public opinion, and social reformers should be active in sternly discountenancing them. Much also can be achieved by popularising secondary education among girls. But the aid of legislation is desirable in raising the marriageable age of girls to at least 15 or 16. It is doubtful whether Pandit Bhargava's Bill, as amended by Select Committee, will be considered by the present Assembly. But it is a most welcome sign of the times that social reform is now engaging the attention of our leaders and legislators to a much larger extent than it did before.

Postal Rates

Defending the increase in postal rates Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Communications Minister, said in Parliament that postal rates were sought to be increased "to meet the losses which the Department was incurring to increase postal facilities and to help air companies. The first object is understandable if the losses are unavoidable, and the second would be valid if all or most of the letters and postcards were to be conveyed by air. But at present and in the near future only a small per cent of the mail transport can be by air, and the proper way to finance it would be to levy a surcharge on air mail as suggested by the Select Committee on the Finance Bill. Curiously enough, the Finance Minister opposes the surcharge but retains the proposed higher rates for all letters and post cards. In so far as the object in raising the rates is to help air companies, the funds for the purpose should be found from the general revenue or the surplus in any Department.

Welcome Move

We welcome the announcement from New Delhi that a Goodwill Mission from India headed by Pandit Sunderlal will leave for Pakistan in the middle of April. As we said when, some months ago, an organisation was formed in the Indian Union with the object of restoring friendly and fraternal relations between the people of India and those of Pakistan so that ultimately it might be possible for "displaced persons" in both the States to return to their original homes and resume in peace and progress, the life that was so tragically disturbed, the move by men of peace and goodwill was an effort in the right direction. The decision to send a Goodwill Mission is the second, and a quite considerable, step forward in the same direction. The fact that the Mission will contain members of the East Punjab Legislature as also a distinguished Sikh like Sardar Sant Singh is a gesture of friendliness which, we suggest, should not be lost on Pakistan. Moreover, the name of Pandit Sunderlal as the leader of the Mission is a proof of goodwill that cannot be doubted by any Pakistani except, of course, those who are blinded by passion, prejudice and even malice. It must also be noted that the Government of India is giving every support to this mission. India's unofficial efforts to re-create Indo-Pakistan brotherhood, backed, further by the Government itself, deserve adequate response from Pakistan in the interests of all concerned. We do not say that a miracle can happen overnight. But, if leaders of Pakistan co-operate, a great deal can be done by the pioneering Sunderlal Mission to start a change in the psychology of the people. That itself would be an achievement full of tremendous possibilities.

OPEN AIR

We see several members of the Heron family here in India. There are the tall slender Egrets with their long legs and pointed beaks which either stand in the shallow water and wait for water creatures to swim near enough to be caught with a sudden jab of the beak, or wander about among the grazing cattle, catching the insects in the grass which are disturbed by the movements of the animals. Then there are the Pond Herons, Reef Herons and Night Herons, which are comparatively smaller than the Egrets, or appear so because of their shorter necks. These birds appear white or pale grey in flight, but when at rest their white plumage is hidden by a veil of grey or brown, so that they are quite inconspicuous until they fly up. The Common Heron and the Eastern Purple Heron are solitary birds which may generally be seen standing among the reeds in the shallow water waiting patiently for frogs or fish to swim into their reach. I was fortunate in seeing an Eastern Purple Heron for the first time in Talegaon last week. It was a dark greyish bird, about the size and build of an Egret, and was easily identified by its reddish-brown neck. When it rose, with slow deliberate wing-beats, and flew off across the lake, it was unmistakable for it carried its head tucked well back between the shoulders and its long legs extended behind it in typical heron posture.

HERON

India Insists On Disbandment Of Azad Kashmir Forces

BAJPAI MEETS U. N. COMMISSION

Eight More Military Observers Arrive In Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 30 (A.P.I.): Sir Girija Shanker Bajpai, Secretary-General, External Affairs Ministry, Government of India, conferred with the U.N. Commission for India and Pakistan this evening to discuss India's truce proposals. Mr. Vishnu Sahai, Secretary for Kashmir Affairs in the States Ministry was also present.

It was understood Sir Girija reiterated India's demand for the disbandment of Azad Kashmir forces as one of the main conditions to a truce agreement.

NEHRU ENTERTAINS COMMISSION

Members of the Commission were entertained at an evening party yesterday by the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

According to a press release by the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan today, no definite date has been set for the Commission's departure from New Delhi. It is expected that the Truce Sub-Committee (Colombia and the United States) and the Military Adviser, Lt.-Gen. Maurice Delvoie, will probably leave for Rawalpindi early next week.

U.N. OBSERVERS NOW TOTAL 35

Eight more observers have arrived in New Delhi, bringing the present total of U. N. observers to 35. The two Norwegian observers who arrived early Tuesday are: Lt.-Col. Poul Anton Ringdal and Capt. Harry Fredrichesen. The six Mexican observers who arrived late last night are: Col. Jaun Chanfreau, Lt.-Col. Luis R. Casillas, Maj. Rafael Cruz, Maj. Luis Horacio Gonzales, Captain Francisco Andrade, and L. Rafael Arroyol.

The two Norwegian observers and Captain Francisco Andrade will report to Rawalpindi, the others will report to U.N. Control Headquarters in Srinagar."

13 resolution and also India's demand of the disbandment of the 'Azad' forces.

The Commission, at its meeting this morning studied the proposals submitted by India.

The Commission has also received a preliminary report from the Sub-Committee which had visited Western Kashmir specially to study the administrative problems prevalent there.

TALKS WITH PAKISTAN NEXT WEEK

Thus armed with India's views on points affecting the truce agreement, the Commission will resume its discussions with the Pakistan Liaison Officer for Kashmir Affairs, Mr. Gurmani, at Rawalpindi where the Commission will reach within a week's time. The Commission may also visit Kashmir at a later date.

The Commission, it is stated in U.N. circles, is very eager to conclude the truce agreement if possible before the Plebiscite Administrator, Admiral Nimitz, arrives in this country, for, it is pointed out, his arrival would be futile without a truce agreement, which is condition precedent to the holding of a plebiscite in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

BEFORE NIMITZ COMES

At its meeting this morning, the Commission also heard a preliminary report from the Sub-Committee about the refugee problem in western Kashmir and a report from its chairman and vice-Chairman about their visit to Karachi and meeting with Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan.

REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

SRINAGAR, March 29 (A.P.I.): The Jammu and Kashmir Government are taking steps to rehabilitate over 7,000 refugees belonging to Tehsil Reasi in Jammu Province, who are at present, scattered in various parts of Kulgam, Kashmir.

CANADA'S ENVOY TO INDIA

Warwick Chipman Appointed High Commissioner

OTTAWA, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Warwick Fielding Chipman has been appointed Canada's High Commissioner in India, the Canadian External Affairs Ministry announced here today.

Sixty-year-old Mr. Chipman has been Canadian Ambassador in Argentina since 1945.

Mr. John Doherty Kearney, now High Commissioner for Canada in India, becomes Canadian Ambassador in Argentina. Before going to Argentina Mr. Chipman was Ambassador to Chile.

Mr. Kearney was formerly High Commissioner for Canada in Ireland and Canadian Minister to Norway and Denmark.

Both Mr. Chipman and Mr. Kearney are prominent Montreal lawyers.

Mr. Chipman has always been keenly interested in international affairs and was a Charter Member and Chairman of the League of Nations Society in Canada, a member of the Royal Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the Institute of Pacific Relations. He represented Canada at the San Francisco Conference on world organisation in 1945.

Mr. Chipman is the author of "The Amber Valley (ptems) published in 1915 and 'Beyond The Road's End' published in 1949.

Indo-British Reply To Dutch Shipping Challenge

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serious consequences to all concerned, continued to maintain the conference rates of freight, hoping that wiser counsels might still prevail".

Van Ommerens added that the Dutch attitude changed when it was learned that the conference would announce that the Dutch line had withdrawn, that shipments by Dutch steamers after March 7 would invalidate rebates and that reduced rates of freight would be offered. At the same time, the Conference instituted "fighting committees" at Antwerp and Rotterdam, "leaving nobody in doubt as to the intentions of the conference".

"FIRST SHOT"

"This was the first shot", added Van Ommerens, "and naturally the Dutch are fighting back."

"In some press and radio reports the Dutch are accused of "claiming the bulk of the German trade". It is the lack of German trade, compared with prewar, that has left the traffic passing through the north continental ports a shadow of the prewar volume.

"All the Dutch seek is a reasonable share of the trade to enable them to maintain their two sailings a month.

"Granted this assurance, the Dutch line are prepared to restrict their services to fortnightly sailings so that, as the German trade revives, the other conference lines may reap the benefit.

"Is this 'claiming the bulk of the German trade?"

British Shipping experts in London tonight said the freight "war" was becoming more bitter.

"Any peace move", they said, "will have to come from the Dutch in their present temper. British shipping companies are not likely to make any approach".

INDONESIAN FEDERAL ARMY

Dutch H.Q. Announce Plan: Force To Total 23,000 Men

BATAVIA, March 30, (PTI-Reuter): Dutch Army Headquarters here today announced plans for formation of an Indonesian Federal Army estimated to total about 23,000 men by the end of this year.

The new force will take over "the recovery and maintenance of law and peace, "an official 'communique' said.

"As long as the United States of Indonesia has not been formed, they may be considered as pre-Federal troops for the time being, administratively belonging to the member state from which they have come."

To speed up the formation of the force, educational requirements for officers are to be lowered and it was hoped to start training 300 in a few months", the announcement said.

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FOR TRANSPORTING cotton cloth without a permit Girdharlal B. Thakar was sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 1,000 or in default to undergo 4 months' Rigorous Imprisonment.

For failing to report death of relative and unlawfully possessing ration card and drawing rations thereon, Bhogilal Mulji Shah was ordered to pay a fine of Rs. 120 or in default to undergo 3 months' Rigorous Imprisonment.

For selling whole milk tea Ibrahim Alli Saheb and Abu Ahmed were each sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 100 or in default to undergo one month's Rigorous Imprisonment.

U. N. COMMISSION'S AIM

Truce Agreement Before Nimitz Comes

NEW DELHI, March 30 (UPI): The U. N. Commission's negotiations to conclude a truce agreement between India and Pakistan have now reached a delicate stage as the Commission is confronted with the truce proposals submitted by the two dominions which are stated to be divergent on vital matters like the definition of 'Local Authorities' as embodied in the August

£6,000,000 BRITISH AID TO MALAYA

For Maintaining Internal Security

LONDON, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Colonel Under-Secretary David Rees-Williams announced in the House of Commons today that the British Government would shortly seek authority for £5,000,000 for the Federation of Malaya.

He said the Government had been considering the difficulties of the Federation and the money would be for meeting expenditure incurred by the Federation in maintaining internal security in 1949.

"We shall also ask for £1,000,000 additional in respect of the expenses of the imperial forces in 1948 and 1949", the Colonial Under-Secretary added. He said that further help may be necessary in 1950 and "in the event of a material change the matter will be reviewed in the light of the position as it emerges."

End Of Sydney Strike

SYDNEY, March 30, (PTI-Reuter)—The six-week old wool packers strike here ended today when employers agreed to pay fifteen shillings a week increase to the strikers half the increase claimed.

The strike held up the export of over 30,000,000 Australian pounds worth of wool and threatened the jobs of 20,000 leather and tallow workers.

Canada's Tenth Province

ST. JONES (New Foundland), March 30, (PTI-Reuter)—The Island of Newfoundland, Britain's oldest Overseas' possession, tomorrow forsakes its centuries-old independence to become Canada's tenth province.

It will raise the dominion's population by 320,000 to 13,000,000 and increase its area by 152,000 square miles to 3,842,000, making it larger than Europe.

Kashmir Civil Supplies Minister In City

BOMBAY, March 30 (A.P.I.): Mr. Shamlal Saraf, Minister of Industry and Civil Supplies Kashmir arrnd Mr. Banke Behari, Chief Purchasing Officer, who are in the city, in connection with the purchase of cotton cloth for Kashmir, saw some of the documentaries produced by the Ministry of Information, Government of India, today.

Later in the evening, the Kashmir Minister also witnessed the screening of the Russian film "The Festival Of Youth."

Mr. Shamlal Saraf was entertained to dinner tonight by Dr. S. S. Nishat, Trade Agent of the Kashmir Government.

Stop Press

SYRIAN PARLIAMENT'S URGENT MEETING

DAMASCUS, March 30, (PTI-Reuter):—Members of the Syrian Parliament were called to an urgent meeting tonight following a bloodless coup by the Army Command at midnight.

They were to discuss the formation of a new Government

KRISHNA MENON FOR BOMBAY

LONDON, March 30, (PTI-Reuter): The Indian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Krishna Menon, left London airport today for Bombay.

He is returning in a week after "routine talks"

"ROHIDAS" LAUNCHED

BELFAST, March 30, (PTI-Reuter): The 1,200-ton steamer "Rohidas" was launched here today for the Indian Cooperative Navigation and Trading Company.

From the same single slipway in the Belfast shipyards of Harland and Wolf Limited was launched yesterday her sister-ship the 1,200 ton Champavati for the Bombay Steam Navigation Company Limited.

RANGOON POLICE USE TEAR GAS

RANGOON, March 30, (PTI-Reuter): Burmese police used tear gas today to disperse strikers demonstrating before the offices of the Controller of Posts and Telegraphs in the centre of the city.

INCREASING WORLD OUTPUT OF COAL

GENEVA, March 30, (PTI-Reuter): The International Labour Office announced today that 12 major coal-producing countries of the world are to undertake a joint campaign to increase individual miners output.

NAZIMUDDIN'S ASSURANCE TO MINORITIES

LAHORE, March 30, (APA):—Addressing a meeting here yesterday, Khawaja Nazimuddin, Governor-General of Pakistan, called upon the minorities of the Dominion to shed "all misgivings and fear" about the future constitution of Pakistan which would be formed on "democratic Islamic principles".

Syrian President Arrested

AMMAN, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Syrian President Shukri el Kouatli was arrested and taken to a military prison three miles outside Damascus in the Syrian Army's lightning coup early today, according to latest reports reaching here by special diplomatic messenger.

An official 'communique' broadcast over Syria radio stations said the army had stoarted consultations with ex-Premier Faris Khoury, President of the Chamber of Deputies "for formation of a genuinely democratic government."

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

67. The "Mahim Halwa-walla"

He is another survivor of the austerity days of the World War II—the Mahim Halwa-walla who trudges bare-footed, hawking a thin, flaky sweet of white colour. Fifty years ago, his predecessors in the trade manufactured the stuff in Mahim and popularised it in Girgaum and Kalbadevi where no one would look at halwa unless it had the trade mark—"Mahim". Today however the tables are turned. The big guns in the profession have made Girgaum and Kalbadevi their Mecca. They export Girgaum halwa to Mahim and call it Mahim sweet. But our vendor with the tin and scales is undeterred by the reversal in fortunes. We kept his flag flying even when wheat and sugar were scarce. He has the art of finding substitutes. If challenged, he would perhaps make a mould of pure earth smell and taste like Halwa.'

Sardar Inaugurates United States Of Rajasthan

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miles, a population of about 13 million and approximate revenue of ten crores.

"THE GREAT EVENT"

Sardar Patel said that he was fully conscious of the great event of today, of the big problems that were ahead of them and of the heavy responsibilities that devolved on them.

He said: "This is the time we should remember Providence and seek his benevolent guidance and help. We got a reminder of it yesterday. It is really the time for remembering God because but for his mercy and for his help, we cannot do anything. This big occasion is not of our own doing but of Gods. It was destined that this important work shall be done at the proper time. That is why I could come out of the accident unscathed. For me it was a short of variety entertainment; but for you all, it was a time for anxious waiting and concern. Nevertheless, my only anxiety was that the mishap would cause you all and friends elsewhere in India the deepest concern. For two hours we were cut off from the world but we were always with God. We should, therefore, think of Divine grace and invoke its blessings and help in the discharge of our responsibilities.

FIRST SERVANT OF JAIPUR

Congratulating the Maharaja of Jaipur on his elevation to the office of Rajpramukh Sardar Patel said: "So far he was the first servant of Jaipur. Our Indian tradition of rulership consisted in being the fountainhead of authority but more than that, it is the tradition of service. The Maharaja of Jaipur now becomes he first servant of Rajasthan. I am very sorry that the Maharana of Udaipur is not present today. We all realise his physical sufferings and we ourselves should not have liked to trouble him. But I should like to assure him that we can never forget him. What we have achieved today is merely the fulfilment of the desires and aspirations of the Maharana Pratap".

Speaking about "the place which the country should occupy in future", Sardar Patel said that he had discussions on the subject with the Princes who had all agreed with him that unity and peace were the best way to follow and they all agreed to follow that path. India's prestige and honour had now increased and if they went on at the pace at which they had been progressing, the future should be assured a future of brightness and prosperity.

"Those who had sacrificed for this future" "Sardar Patel declared," will get their due reward. After all neither wealth nor power but honour and success are the greatest assets".

GANDHIJI'S EXAMPLE

Mahatma Gandhi, he said, had neither sword nor wealth but still his character and his sacrifices were unequalled and the honour which he achieved unrivalled. That was typical of India's culture. The Rulers had made sacrifices in the past for their States and their people and they continued to do so.

"INDIAN FIRST"

Sardar Patel pointed out that Rajasthan had an ancient culture and history behind it and now that they were united, they should not harbour narrow parochial ideas of belonging to Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner or Udaipur. They should think in terms of being "Indian first and Rajput second".

APPEAL TO JAGIRDARS

Appealing to Jagirdars, Sardar Patel said that they had grand opportunities before them and it was better to do voluntarily what they might be compelled to do later. That was the path of wisdom and of honour. "I therefore, appeal to Jagirdars as their true friend and servant to understand the force of the prevailing circumstances", he added.

'Go Home, Bevin'

NEW YORK, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): British Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin told reporters when he arrived here today aboard the "Queen Mary" that the Atlantic Pact was "culmination of a concrete effort to prevent war for generations to come."

Mr. Bevin was mobbed by journalists and photographers when the "Queen Mary" docked.

Ashore on the Cunard Pier, Secret Service officers and police kept a watchful eye on 500 demonstrators chanting "Go Home Bevin" and carrying posters saying "Hands Off Israel. We want peace."

At one of the biggest press conferences ever held on board ship, the British Foreign Secretary replied "no" to a reporter who asked "have you got on to a Mediterranean Pact?".

Bombay Cotton Cloth For Kashmir

BOMBAY, March 30, (API)—Five thousand bales of cotton cloth, worth nearly Rs. 80 lakhs, has been purchased from textile mills in Bombay Province for being sent to Kashmir under special arrangements made by the Government of India.

SAURASHTRA TAX ORDINANCE

RAJKOT, March 30, (API)—The Saurashtra Government issued an ordinance today applying Incometax, Supertax and Corporation Tax to the Saurashtra Union from April 1, 1949.

The Taxation level does not exceed 30 per cent of that in the rest of the Indian Union. There is no tax on incomes below Rs. 5,000 and the first Rs. 2,000 is exempted from tax.

Jaipur Ruler's Party To Sardar

JAIPUR, March 30, (API)—Sardar Patel in the evening attended a garden party given by the Maharaja of Jaipur and later received an address of welcome presented by the Jaipur Local council. Sardar Patel is expected to arrive in Delhi at 8 a.m. tomorrow by air.

Hyderabad Cavalry To Fight Communists

HYDERABAD, March 30 (U.P.I.): Hyderabad Cavalry is being despatched to the Communist infested district of Nalgonda to help the Union police and army operating there in the rounding up of Communists and to counter-act their guerilla activities, it is learnt.

SARDAR'S REPLY TO JAIPUR CIVIC ADDRESS

JAIPUR, March 30, A. P. I.: Replying to a civic address presented to him by the Jaipur Municipality, Sardar Patel referred to the great significance of the inauguration of the Greater Rajasthan. It was "the dream and ideal" which, he said, the ancestors of the rulers of the Rajasthan held before themselves. After centuries of struggle it was left for them today to force this unity of Greater Rajasthan.

60 CHINESE "REDS" KILLED IN MONCAY

Paris Papers' Concern Over War In Indo-China

PARIS, March 30 (PTI-Reuter)—An official announcement reported from Hanoi by the France Presse news agency said today that 60 Chinese Communists had been killed in the fighting at Moncay, Indo-Chinese town near the Chinese border.

French and local Indo-Chinese forces' casualties were small and all French civilians were safe, the announcement stated.

The agency added that most of the Chinese Communists had re-crossed the border into China.

Another France Presse report said that one person was killed and 12 injured when a grenade was thrown in a Saigon suburb.

Paris papers today expressed anxiety over the increased war activity in Indo-China.

Right-Wing Radical "Aurore" wrote: "No one in France says 'long live the war', but once again, it is a war which is being made on us, not a war which we are making".

"Aurore" complained dissension between Socialist Ministers and the rest of the Cabinet was holding up a definite Indo-China policy, and that meanwhile Frenchmen were being killed.

MILITARY SPOKESMAN ON MONCAY SITUATION

SAIGON, March 30 (PTI-Reuter)—A French military spokesman said here today that the situation at Moncay, in north eastern Tonkin, Indo-china "is not yet completely re-established but is evolving favourably".

French reports from Hanoi stated yesterday that French troops were fighting fiercely against invaders and local "rebel elements" who hold part of Moncay. They said that the town had been invaded and looted two days before by Chinese Communists from the Kouang region.

Usually well informed sources here said it was impossible to fix the number of the attackers and that French residents had taken refuge in the citadel.

Bao Dai To Call Conference Of Interested States

SAIGON, March 29 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The French High Commissioner M. Leon Pignon, said here today that former Emperor Bao Dai of Annam would call an Indo-China Conference with the chiefs of all interested states as soon as possible after his return here.

"This conference will forge the Indo-China of tomorrow", M. Pignon added "France had no intentions of maintaining all her federal services in the country, although in these days of the Atlantic Pact, Benelux and the United Nations charter Viet-Nam would "gain nothing from splendid isolation.

"Under the agreement this month", he said "Viet-Nam is an independent state, with its own Government, Parliament, Army, finances, diplomacy, justice and its own unity effectively constructed".

The French High Commissioner, who was speaking at a Franco-Viet-Nam banquet given by the Governor of South Viet-Nam, traced the evolution of Indo-China since the Japanese invasion.

"Ho Chi Minh (the extremist autonomy leader) had remained the agent of foreign ideologies, whose aim is to ruin order and economy in South-East Asia. This joint movement has developed clearly in Burma, Malaya, the Philippines and Siam", M. Pignon added.

"Patriots who thought they were helping the national cause were unwittingly subserving Asiatic Cominform expansionism."

DEFENCE MINISTRY CHANGE IN RUSSIA

Marshal Sokolovsky Becomes First Deputy Minister Of Armed Forces

LONDON, March 29, (PTI-Reuter): Moscow radio reported tonight that the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. had appointed Marshal of the Soviet Union V.D. Sokolovsky, first Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces.

He is simultaneously relieved of his post of Commander of the Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany the radio added.

He is also relieved of his duties as Head of the Soviet Military Administration in Germany.

General I L Chuykov replaces Marshal Sokolovsky as Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Occupation Troops in Germany and head of the Soviet Military Administration there.

The post of First Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces became vacant four days ago when Marshal Alexander Vasileveky was appointed Minister of the Armed Forces in succession to Dulzant.

On March 18 the British licensed news agency in Berlin reported that Marshal Sokolovsky had left for Moscow.

It quoted "well informed quarters in Berlin" as supposing that the Marshal had been called to Kremlin for conferences on all Soviet Commander-in-for training throughout Vacantion Chief.

PAULETTE GODDARD TO SEEK DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD, March 29, (U.P.A.): Movie star Paulette Goddard today confirmed her husband's report she would file a suit for divorce but said she hadn't decided whether to file in California or Mexico.

She said she plans to go to Mexico after she "talks thing over" with her husband actor Burgess Meredith New York, later this week.

Miss Goddard previously had married Lumberman Edgar James and comedian Charlie Chaplin. Her name had been recently linked with author John Steinback who she said, will write a screenplay for a movie she wants to star in.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, March 30

The Governor of Bombay received Pandit Shamlal Saraf, Mr. Mirza Alikhan, Dr. R. D Bowman, Dr. L S. Brubaker and Mr. K. K. Thomas.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Mrs L. S. Brubaker and Mrs. R. D. Bowman.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh lunched with the Chairman and members of the committee of the Bombay Provincial Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh attended an Evening Party given by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Dutt at their residence, Neela House, Pedder Road.

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MR. GORDON WALKER

NEW DELHI, March 30, (API)—Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, British Government Envoy, had a second meeting with the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, today.

The meeting lasted over one and a half hours

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MR. BARDOLOI REELECTED

SHILLONG, March 30, (API): Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Premier of Assam, was re-elected leader of the Assam Congress Parliamentary party at its annual general meeting held today.

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MR. A. C. B. SIMON

MADRAS, March 30, (API): Mr. A. C. B. Simon, Deputy High Commissioner for U. K. in Delhi and Mrs. Simon arrived in Madras by air this evening from Bombay on a private visit. They were received by Mr. C. A. Gault, Deputy High Commissioner for U. K. in Madras.

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PROF. M. P. GANDHI

BOMBAY, March 30, (API): Prof. M. P. Gandhi, editor of the Sugar Industry and Cotton Industry annuals, has been elected as a representative of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, on the All India Council of Technical Education, New Delhi, it is stated here.

INDIA GOVERNMENT'S LABOUR POLICY

Aruna Asaf Ali's Plea For Radical Change

NEW DELHI, March 30, (API)—Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, the Socialist leader, told a meeting here today that if a radical change in the labour policy of the Government of India was not made, it was possible that people might be forced to "tread on the path of the Communists".

"People", she said, "have become suspicious of the bona fides of the Congress and are equally suspicious of other parties approaching them". The Socialists will dispel their doubts and disappointment and help them to stand against and resist any undemocratic system, she added.

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR SAURASHTRA

RAJKOT, March 30, (A. P. I.): Saurashtra will have a budget deficit of Rs. 1.66 crores next year.

The total expenditure is expected to be Rs. 8.47 crores, which together with the Government of India's share of rupees 46.38 lakhs come to rupees 8.93 crores against the anticipated income of rupees 7.27 crores, thus leaving a deficit of rupees 1.66 crores. This does not include the income from Customs Compensation which is of the order of rupees four to five crores.

Fire Rages In Surat Forest Villages

SURAT, March 30, (A. P. I.): Two hundred small villages inside forest territory adjoining Surat have been evacuated as a forest fire which has been raging for the last fifteen days, spread over a wider area, according to reports received here today.

The fire forked from forests on the Khandesh and Nasik border and enveloped forests adjoining Gaekwad, Vansda and Surat dangs areas, these reports said.

Large patches in Bardipada range and forest areas near Dungharda have been destroyed by the conflagration.

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For transporting cotton cloth without a permit Pritamsing Dayasing was sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 or in default to undergo 4 months' Rigorous Imprisonment. For similar offence Navalmal Chandmal and Lalchand Umechand were each sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 or in default to undergo 2 months' Rigorous Imprisonment. Two others, Mulji Keshavji Lapasia and Hirji Virji were also each sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 150 or in default to suffer 6 weeks' Rigorous Imprisonment.

For attempting to export cotton cloth Chunilal Ratanji and Shantaram Surajbhau were each sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and in addition the former was fined Rs. 300 or in default to undergo 3 months' Rigorous Imprisonment and the latter Rs. 100 or in default to suffer one month's Simple Imprisonment.

For possessing cloth bales for more than 6 months after the date of their markings, Shreelal Joharmal was sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 or in default to undergo one month's Rigorous Imprisonment.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

NARROW PRICE MOVEMENT AND RESTRICTED TURNOVER IN SHARES

BOMBAY, March 30.

Under restricted trading price movement was confined to a narrow range on the local Stock Exchange today. There is more disposition to await deliveries at the next settlement of Tata Steel Defd. shares as members of the syndicate have unloaded their holdings on an unwilling market. However cotton mill shares remain fairly steady with moderate support.

At the moment the market position remains uncertain and in view of scarcity of money it remains to be seen who will take up deliveries of Defd. Shares sold by the syndicate. This uncertainty has chilled buying enthusiasm.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened at Rs. 1487/8 and after improving at Rs 1490 quietened at Rs. 1482/8. Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 287. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 957 and after improving at Rs. 962 quietened at Rs. 957. Kohinoors opened at Rs 293 and declined at Rs. 291. Swadeshi Mill Shares after advancing at Rs. 305 declined at Rs. 302 while Scindia Shares were quoted at Rs. 16/4.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	960 0
Kohinoor Mill (6)	292 8
Swadeshi Mills (22)	305 0
Central India Mills (4)	247 0
Simplex Mills (8)	182 0
New Great Eastern (8)	166 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	161 14
Gokak Mills (20)	291 0
Century Spinning (16)	251 0
Colaba (12)	148 9
India Bleaching (6)	152 8
Swan Mills (20)	332 0
Finlay Mills (15)	280 0
Morarji Gokuldas	456 4
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	226 0
Meyer (12)	110 0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15 6
India United Ord (0-13-0)	11 4 5
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 9 6
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180 10
Podar (8)	142 8
Khatau Makanji (8)	202 8
Indore Coupon	86 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord (14)	287 8
Tata Steel Defd (64-15)	1488 12
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	139 12
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	147 0
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	272 8
Belapur Sugar (9)	214 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	30 0
Scindia Steam (0-9)	16 5
Premier Construction	116 0
Tata Chemical	12 2
Tata Oil (2)	64 12
Indian Iron (0-12)	24 6
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	20 8
British India Corp. (0-11)	8 2
I. Copper	2 2 6
Wimco	187 8
Alcock	265 0
Belapur Coupon	54 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (50)	1527 8
Andhra Valley (45)	1435 0
Tata Hydro	153 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone Mills (5)	68 0
Phoenix Mills (50) XR	205 0
India Manufacturing	—
Kooria Mills (S)	120 0
New City Mills (110)	180 0
Minerva	120 8
Bradbury	587 8
Bharat Mills (2)	31 12
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 13
Mysore Spg Mills (8)	172 4
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14 4
Model Mills (12-8)	190 0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	600 0
Vishnu Cotton (98)	206 4
Western India (40)	4970 0
Standard (15)	225 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 12
Hindustan Mills (40)	4225 0
Tata Mills (3)	58 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	260 0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (S)	160 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	280 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	126 14
Ahmedabad New	18 12
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142 8
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	10 10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 8
Amalgamated	12 8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (S)	146 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	162 8
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	152 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1880 0
Imperial Bank of India P.P (8-123	457 8
Central Bank	87 4
Central Bank New (1-8)	85 8
Bank of India (4) XD	194 8
Union (0-8)	7 13
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	138 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial	54 8
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	22 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) X.D.	5100 0
Empire (10)	625 0
New India (1-8)	60 12
Jupiter (1-4)	16 8
Vulcan (0-10)	11 14
Indian Mercantile (2)	35 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	19 8
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All-India General	15 2
RAILWAY SHARES	
G. P. (1-14)	111 4
Pachora Jamner Rly (2-8)	120 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (10)	295 0
Bombay Burma New (3)	107 8
Burma Petrol	1 5 9
Mackenzie (6)	88 0
Port Canning (3)	65 0
Kemp and Co (30)	415 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	93 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36 0
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	197 8
Supreme India X.R.	
Jam Wire (6)	67 4
Bombay Uganda	60 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	34 0
Indian Cement (1937)	18 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (E.S.)	148 12
Associated Cement New (1-4)	141 0
United Motor	70 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	195 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1275 0
Hydro Electric (7)	126 4
Bombay Steamer (8)	308 8
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	646 4
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	115 0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	100 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	125 0
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	102 8
Morarji	106 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 6 6
New Victoria Mill	2 2
New Victoria Mills (Pref)	4 12
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	110 0
Gold Mohur (20)	302 8
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	140 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	275 0
Air Service XR	7 0
Air India	99 0
Hind Motor	4 10
Indian Steam	8 0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, March 30.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98 7 0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100 5 0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99 10 0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96 9 0
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99 7 0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 0 0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	96 12 0
3 per cent non-terminable	98 1 0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	97 15 0
3 per cent 1949-52	100 8 0
3 per cent 1951-54	101 2 0
3 per cent 1953-55	101 7 0
3 per cent 1957	101 1 0
3 per cent 1963-65	100 2 0
3 per cent 1966-68	100 0 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104 10 0
3 per cent 1970-75	100 0 0
4 per cent 1960-70	110 6 0
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	103 8 0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	111 9 0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	114 14 0
PROVINCIAL LOANS	
2 3/4 per cent U.P. y961	98 0 0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98 0 0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	98 8 0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12 0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 12 0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 10 0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100 8 0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100 8 0
3 per cent N. W. P. 1952	99 10 0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-66	100 0 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipality	110 8 0
5 per cent Bom Muni 1959	114 8 0
6 per cent Bom Muni 1954	114 8 0
3 1/4 per cent Bom Muni 1977	100 14 0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, March 30.

Tata Ordinary 287/8 Tata Deferred 1488/12 Indian Iron 24/6 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20/8 Bombay Dyeing 960 Central India 247/8 Gokak 291/4 Kohinoor 292/8 Simplex 182 Swadeshi 305 Tata Power 1537/8 Associated Cement 147/8 Belapur 214/6 Bombay Burma (Old 272/8 Scindia 16/5 Central Bank 87/4 New India 60/12 Tata 2nd Pref. 139/12.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 29

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	80-1/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-7/8
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-5/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	104-1/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	
London Beg	103-1/2
National Bank of India	37-3/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,932.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 30.

There was no forward trading today in the local cotton market as quotations were above the ceiling level.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, March 29.

KARNAK May	65.20—200
KARNAK November	58.55—180
ASHMOUNI June	45.80—115
ASHMOUNI October	49.74—120

STATEMENT OF COTTON PRESSED IN INDIA

BOMBAY, March 29.

Week ending 11th March.

	1949	1948
Madras	590	3813
Bombay	8436	29264
West Bengal	93	276
United Provinces	.....	.....
East Punjab (a)	.....	.....
Central Provinces	2392	5308
Berar	10512	17803
Ajmer/Merwara	527	1119
Assam	233	165
Baroda State (a)	.....	.....
Barwani State (b)	465	401
Cutch State (a)	...	.....
Hyderabad State (c) ...	.....	.....
Jaora State (d-	.....	.....
United State of Rajasthan (b)	.....	.....
Mysore State (c)	.....	.....
Patiala State and East Punjab States Union	.....	.....
Rajpipla State	.....	.....
Minor Cotton Growing States	26	.....
Total	23274	59625

1st Septr. to 11th March.

	1948-49	1947-48
Bandras	29216	150596
Bombay	170746	226647
West Bengal	916	3836
United Provinces	4868	681
East Punjab (a)	37367	29382
Central Provinces	65402	116219
Berar	236993	420454
Ajmer/Merwara	17580	10020
Assam	4224	2011
Baroda State (a)	91499	29633
Barwani State (b)	7205	6215
Cutch State (a)	595	978
Hyderabad State (c)	121118	167327
Jaora State (d)	954	.....
United State of Rajasthan (b)	30892	18510
Mysore State (c)	6159	8714
Patiala State and East Punjab States Union	6651	2927
Rajpipla State	.....	.....
Minor Cotton Growing States	2343	1717
Total	8347.2	1195879

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

BOMBAY, March 29.

	1948-49 Bales	1947-48 Bales.
RECEIPTS (By Rail & Sea). 25th March to 28th March	167.7	27410
RECEIPTS (By Rail & Sea) 1st Septr. to 28th March	948018	1206153
SHIPMENTS: 25th to 28th March		
United Kingdom	.....	200
Continent	.....	.....
China	.....	.....
Japan	.....	.....
Coast Ports	4192	56315
Total	4192	5835
SHIPMENTS. 1st Septr. to 28th March.		
United Kingdom	16111	45139
Continent	106402	265621
China	16601	163996
Japan	6844	136486
U. S. A.	12376	37799
Other Foreign Countries	3594	21012
Total all Foreign Countries	163728	670053
Coast Ports	131869	54358
Total	295597	724411

TRANSHIPMENT IN BOMBAY HARBOUR DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

TOTAL	600	6926
1st Septr. to 28th February Total	831	16372

Chicago Grains Decline

CHICAGO March 29.

Following early softness on commission house selling and liquidation induced by forecast of showers over the southwest wheat belt and lack of commercial demand, prices rallied under the leadership of wheat however the upturn attracted increased offerings towards the close. Short covering was noticeable in corn, reflecting limited country offerings and small arrivals.—PTI.-Reuter.

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, March 30.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145 Quilandy 145/155 Fibre Garbled 90 Ungarbled 80 Cocoanut Raw 155/157/8 Dry 180/185 Cocoanutoil 580 Dilpasand 392/8 Pepper Wynaad 1650 Country 1625 Dryginger Chernad 800 Ernad 770 Coffee Robusta 150 Timber Pali 50/52 Jungiewood 32/34 Vellapine 65/72/8 Benteak 55/55 Teak 90/125 Mango 3/3/2 Teak 20/25 Rosewood 17/822/8.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 30.

Ready Silver for today's delivery was quoted at Rs. 183 while tomorrow's delivery was offered at Rs. 175. This disparity is due to active Bull manipulation in the Indore Market.

From Saturday we will have official forward trading in the local market but unless we have uniform trading rules in various markets in this country, undesirable speculative activity is bound to create artificial price structures

Vaishakh Silver was quoted at Rs. 172/10. Vaishakh Gold business was done at Rs. 107/4 while Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 109 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 72/8.

Final quotations were as under:

Vaishakh Silver	173	9	0
Vaishakh Gold	107	2	0
Sovereigns	72	8	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 30.

B. C Rates 1 1 D. D. 1/8 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates 1 1. D. D. 1/8 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/8 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/8 15/16 up to 6 Months

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/8 1/32 to 9th Month

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/8 1/16 10th-12th Month

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/8 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D. D 1/8 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/8 1/8 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/8 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/8 5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/8 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 3/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 3/16 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/8 7/32 7th 9th Month.

New York and Montreal B. C Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Buying T T. Rs. 330.

Banks Buying D. D N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4

Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 8060

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D D Fl. 79.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fcs. 1305.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldn 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D D. Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D D. Rs. 165 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.45; London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pta. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.66-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tci. 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate Kr. 1/3 1/16-1/2 19/16 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl 128-130. London/Java Cross Rate Fl 1068-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 99.80-100.20. London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8-09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061-1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c; London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call 3/4 p.c.; 3 Mos. 1 p.c.; 6 Mos. 1-1/4 p.c.; 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.

Tone:—Tight.

Italian Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, March 30:

120 D Ready	3	12	0
150 Japan Ready	3	12	6
150 D Box March	760	0	0
150 D Box April	767	0	0

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 29.

May	2.13-7/8
July	1.89-7/8
September	1.90-1/8
December	1.91-3/8

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, March 29.

U. S. Price of foreign silver 71-1/2 cents

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, March 29.

Silver spot and forward both 43-1/2d

Gold bars fine per oz. £8/12/3

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 30.

MILLS

Ahmedabad Advance 260
Apollo 2-15-6
Bharat 32-8 31-12
B. Dyeing 955 65 57-8 61-4 60
C. India 243-8 47 46 47
C. Pref. 625
Century 255 50 51
E. Textiles 225-8 23 26
Elphinstone Pref 115
Finlay 231 83 81-8 82
Eokak 290 91 90-8 91
I. U. Defd 1-9-3 1-9-6
I. U. Ord. 11-3 11-5 11-4 11-5-6 11-4-6
Indore 161-4 60 61-15
Kohinoor 293 95 91 92-12 92-8
Laxmi 600
Meyer 110
Model 190
Morarji 456-4
New Great 161 66
Podar 141-4 42-8
Simplex 182
Svadeshi 300 4 2 5 2 5
Tata Mills 58
Vishnu 205 6-4

STEAMER

B. Steam 285
Scindia 16-4 16-3 16-5-6 16-4 16-5-6 16-5

BANKS

Baroda 138
Central 87 87-4
Central A New 85-8
Imperial Old 1873-8 80
Imperial New 457-8
India 194 94-8
Union 7-13
U. Commercial 54-8

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 126-4 27-8 26-14
Suburban 162-8
Power 1535 2 27-8
Power Pref. 1275

INSURANCE

Empire 625
Oriental 5100
Jupiter 16-8
New India 60-8 60-12
Vulcan 11-14

STEEL

B. Steel 20-8 20-6 20-8
I. Iron 24-5 24-7 24-5 24-6
Tata Defd 1487-8 90 81-4 90 87-8 90 88-12
Tata Ord. 287 88 86-4 87-12 87-8
Tata 2nd Pref 140 39-8 39-12

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 265 63-12 65
A. C. C. Old 145-8 46-4 46 47
A. C. C. New 142-4 42-8
Belapur 214 13-8 14
B. B. Old 271-4 72-8
B. B. New 107-8
B. B. Petrol 1-5-9
B. I. C. 8-2
I. Bleaching 152 52-8
I. Copper 2-2-6
P. Const. 115 16 15-12 16
Kemp 415
Shivrajpur 30
Tata Chem. 12-1 12-2
Tata Oil 64-8 64-4 64-12
Wimco 187-8 88-12 87-8

SPECIAL

All India General Ins. 15-10
Heutune Ins. 5-8

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 30.

The local produce market was quietly steady and prices fluctuated within a narrow range.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 139/13 and improved at Rs. 140/2 under scattered buying. At this level there appeared small profit-taking and market declined at Rs. 139/10 but again rallied at Rs. 140 on moderate support, but again sagged at Rs. 139-11.

Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS			
Khandesh quality	39	4	0
Coromandal	38	12	0
Bold ready	38	0	0
Bold Feb-March	28	11	0
Bold April-May	38	3	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
May delivery	139	11	0
Ready	28	0	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	29	4	0
Feb-March	29	5	0
April-May	29	0	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready	21	5	0
Ready receipts	21	5	0
March	21	3	0
April	21	3	0
May	21	5	0
June	21	7	0
Linseed Oil	16	0	0
Castorseeds oil first pressing quality	19	0	0
Castorseed oil commercial quality	17	0	0

PRICES SHOOT UP ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, March 29. (U.P.A.): The Stock market was jolted on Tuesday out of the recent lethargy by an announcement of a cut in margin requirements and prices ran up from one to three points in the most active sessions in more than four months.

All sections of the list joined the sharp rise which got started right at the opening. Demand for securities was heavy at the outset and in the first 20 minutes of the trading.

The rise added around dol 1,000,000,000 in market valuations and, measured by general market average, prices are at their best levels since February 4.

Wall Street quarters were elated over the strength displayed by the market on the overnight announcement by the Federal Reserve Board that it had cut margin requirements for purchases of listed securities to 50 per cent from 75 per cent.

Stock sales amounted to 1,800,000, and curb sales to 370,000. Turn-over in bonds came to dol 3,440,000.

Dow Jones average closing included: Industrials: 178.39; Rails: 49.00; Utilities: 35.61 and Bonds: 98.53.

Closing prices included:

Abbott Laboratories 77 3/8; Allied Chemicals 176; American Can 91; American Radiator 13 3/4; American Smelting 49 3/4; American Telephone 146 5/8; American Tobacco 67 3/4; Anaconda Copper 32 1/4; Bankers Trust 39 3/4; Bethelehem Steel 32 1/2; Boeing Plant 25 1/2; Canadian Pacific 12 5/8; Celanese 27; Chase National Bank 35 3/4; Chrysler 54; Consolidated Edison 23; Coty 4; Dougals Aircraft 62 3/4; Dupont 188 3/8; Eastman Kodak 47 3/8; Firestone Tire and Rubber 49 1/2; General Electric 38 5/8; General Motors 60 1/4; Gillette 31 1/2; Goodyear 43 7/8; International Nickel 29 3/8; International Tel and Tel 10 1/4; Lockheed 20 3/8; Nash Kelvinator 13 1/8; National City Bank 39 7/8; New York Central 11 3/4; Pennsylvania Railroad 17 1/4; Shell Oil 34 3/4; Souther Pacifis 43; Standard Oil of New Jersey 69; Studebaker 19 3/8; Swift and Co. 30 1/8; Twentieth Century Fox 21 1/2; U.S. Steel 74; Warner Brothers 11 3/8; Westinghouse Electric 23 7/8; Brazilian Traction 17 3/8; Technicolor 12 1/4.

NEW YORK COTTON PRICES MOVE NARROWLY

NEW YORK, March 29: After small early gains, chiefly in nearby May partially based on the theory that this future May feel the full impact of larger export business after Congress votes more E.C.A. funds and the strength in securities, the market sagged.

Later prices steadied on dibbling trade demands. Prices moved narrowly during the afternoon session awaiting deloipment, with the market finally closing steady on scattered trade buying orders.

The Mid-March parity price announced after the close was a disnounced after the close at 30.50 up 12 points, was a distinct surprise. Sales were approximately 110,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 29.

May	32.19+04
May Highest	32.20+05
May Lowest	32.13—02
July	31.08—
October	28.22—04
December	27.94—08
March	27.79—08
Middling Spot	33.51+04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, March 29.

May	32.07+02
July	31.04+01
October	28.19—03
December	27.93—05
Middling Spot	32.45—

Arrivals & Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

BOMBAY, March 30.

PROTECTOR (American Shipping) from Cochin on March 29 with general cargo 360 tons. Agents Universal.

S. S. NETRAVATI (B.S.N.) from Bhavnagar on March 29 with general cargo. Agents B. S. N.

S. S. VIRGINIA MAY (Karachi S. N.) from Ratnagiri on March 29 with general cargo 900 tons. Agents R. Pahladrai.

CORFU (P. O.) from Hongkong on March 29 with general cargo 1,209 tons. Agent M. M.

DEPARTURES

S. S. BHARAT KUMAR (Bharat) for Cochin on March 29 with general cargo 1,372 tons.

S. S. LANGLEEGALE (Uledemsley S. S.) for Calcutta on March 29 with general cargo 2,692.

CITY OF KHIOS (Hall Line) for London on March 29.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India, for the week ended the 26th day of March:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	21,75,65,000
Notes in circulation	1169,34,86,000
Total Notes issued	1191,10,51,000
Total Liabilities	1191,10,51,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40.01.71,000
Foreign Securities	741,61,84,000
Rupee Coin	42,02,19,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	367,44,77,000
Total Assets	1191,10,51,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 65.623 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
Government	
Central Government	183,93,23,000
Other Governments	24,56,11,000
Banks	55,04,26,000
Others	68,74,98,000
Bills Payable	5,52,41,000
Other Liabilities	15,33,93,000
Total	Rs. 363,14,92,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Notes	21,75,65,000
Rupee Coin	10,47,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,75,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	37,94,000
Government Treasury Bills	1,74,81,000
Balances held abroad	202,51,86,000
Other Loans and Advances	6,35,97,000
Investment	125,97,37,000
Other Assets	4,29,10,000
Total	Rs. 363,14,92,000

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Quiet Tone With A Limited Business

CALCUTTA, March 30. (API)—The market continued its quieter tone round all sections and only a limited business was put through.

Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent loan 1986 97-15 three per cent loan 1962-65 100 S lot three per cent loan 1951-54 101-2 three per cent loan 1970-75 99-14.

BANKS: Bengal central bank 8-10 Bharat bank 4 S lot Hindustan commercial bank 24-8.

COTTONS: Cawnpore textiles 10-8 Elgin mills 17-4 Swadeshi cotton 10-14 New Victoria ordy. 2-3.

COALS: Amalgamated 23 Hatpukuria and Asansol 1-2 South Karanpara 25-5 Western Bengal 4-8 West Jamaris 28-4 West Laikdik 3.

MININGS: Burma Corporation 2-6 consolidated tin annas fifteen Indian copper 2-3 Karanpura Dev 24-12 Tavoy tin annas eleven.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam-Bengal cement 6-14 Sone valley cement 6-5 Calcutta electric 18-12 Indian iron 24-3 Jessop and Co. 16-10 National iron 5-8 Kumardhubi eng. 7-14 Steel corpn. 20-10 BIC 8-3 New India investment 70 Jardine Henderson 160-8 India Steamship 7-14.

SUGARS: Bharat sugar 11-8 Champaran 23-8 Darbhanga 10 Upper Ganges 30-4.

TEA: New Chumta 23-8.

Ahmedabad Share Market

From Our Correspondent

AHMEDABAD, MARCH 30.

Market opened quiet. Fluctuations were narrow but undertone was steady. Arvind dropped on tired liquidation on unconfirmed gossip account Arvind dividend though well informed circles are still optimistic for favourable capital increase which is likely to be announced latest on 4th April. In steel shares sellers were scarce.

Calico opened 1185, lowest 1181, highest 1187 closed 1185.

Arvind opened 1510, highest 1512, lowest 1477, closed 1479.

Ambika opened 417 highest 425 closed 424.

Defferd. opened 1486 highest 1495.

Closing quotations: Defferd. 1492 Calico 1185, Arvind 1479, Ambika 424 Bihari 230, Atul 37

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 30.

Cotton roller ginned Sind NT 92-8 Punjab 289 95 LSS 87 Four F 84 Rates unchanged but steadily held with moderate demand.

Turnover 2,100 bales Arrivals 2,900. Sind NT 1949-50 new crop October delivery offering at 31 which works out equivalent 955 CIF Bombay and some business reported in new crop.

Cottonseeds NT ready 8-3-6 April 8-3-6 Easy on speculators selling and larger upcountry arrivals.

Gold 104-4 Sovereigns 69 quiet.

STOCK EXCHANGE: Govt. loans 3 per cent 1960 101-8 bearer bonds 1958 one and half per cent 100 Karachi Electric 138 Hyderabad Electric 98.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, March 30.

Rajkot silver Vaishakh 173, Rajkot sugar Chaitra 90-4 Rajkot Aranda May 139-11, Jamnagar silver New Vayda 172-12. Jamnagar Aranda May 139-6 Wadhwan cotton Jeth 28-13-6. Wadhwan sugar Vaishakh 15-15-2.

LONDON PEPPER LESS ACTIVE

LONDON, March 29 (UPA).—Pepper trading turned less active with Singapore quoting black at 3/11½ and white at 5/1 compared with the previous day's prices of 4½ and 5/1 respectively.

Malabar afloat was quoted at 465/- and April/May 450/- but there were no buyers

CENTRAL BANK'S PROGRESS

Makes Net Profit Of Over Rs. 160 Lakhs

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Central Bank of India made a net profit of Rs. 1,62,21,567 during the year ended on December 31 last, including a sum of Rs. 18,27,510 brought forward from the previous year's account. This was revealed at the annual general meeting of the Bank, held at the premises of the Bank this evening. Sir Homi Modi presided.

The Bank's report showed that out of the total net-profit, a sum of Rs. 25,16,340 was set aside for paying a final dividend for the half year ended December 31 last, at the rate of 16 per cent per annum, free from income tax An ad-interim dividend for the half year ended June 30 last absorbed Rs 18,85,638.

Other figures of the profit appropriation indicated that Rs. 43 lakhs were transferred to the Reserved Fund and Rs. 5 lakhs to the Contingency Fund. Rs. 40 lakhs were provided for taxation and Rs. 15,75,000 for bonus to the staff. The remaining amount of Rs. 20 44,589 was carried forward to the next

"UNDEVELOPED COUNTRY OFFERS REWARDS TO ENTERPRISE"

But Days Of Huge Profits And Fortunes Have Ended

MIDDLE CLASS IMPOVERISHED BY HIGH TAXES AND COST OF LIVING

Sir Homi Mody's Speech At Central Bank Annual Meeting

Bombay, March 30.

In a rousing speech, Sir Homi Mody, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of India, Ltd., asked Indian Capital to utilise the opportunities provided by an undeveloped India at the 38th Annual General Meeting of the Bank on Wednesday, March 30. After calling attention to the manner in which "revenues are being wantonly thrown away" and warning the public that "social reforms undertaken by some of the Provinces, are dearly bought when the price paid is the dislocation of the country's economy", Sir Homi roundly told Capital that, if it develops a complex that it must have a safeguard against every possible contingency, it has failed in its primary function. He further pointed out that the wide powers given to the Reserve Bank under the Banking Bill if exercised without the utmost discretion, might make ordinary operations extremely difficult for Banking companies but he expressed confidence that they would only be used to deal with reckless or fraudulent practices.

Sir Homi then dealt with the Central Bank's accounts for the year, revealing that it had made slightly higher profits than in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 2.50 lakhs had been contributed to the Gandhi Memorial Fund. The text of his speech is given below:-

Gentlemen.

In my speech at the last Annual Meeting, I referred to the gravity of the situation that confronted the world. The first few months of 1948 saw an aggravation of the difficulties facing most countries, and it looked as if we were fast heading towards another World War. Towards the end, however the tension eased to a certain extent on the European front, and there was less talk of the inevitability of war. The New Year opened on a more hopeful note, but the events which have been taking place in China and all over South East Asia are of grave import, and constitute a threat to this country which cannot be lightly ignored.

As against these political upheavals must be set the vast improvement that has come about in India. Public tranquillity has been restored, and there has been a considerable improvement in the relations between the various communities. India's troubles today are largely economic, and many of them stem from the abnormal conditions prevailing throughout the world.

At the root of the country's 'malaise' lies the continued shortage of foodgrains, and there is as yet little evidence of any concrete measures for righting the situation. For all the conferences about increased food production, there is no assurance that the problem is being tackled in the right way and with sufficient energy. The knowledge that we can continue to import foodgrains, even though at an enormous cost in money and foreign exchange resources, is a demoralising factor, and the Provinces have very little to show by way of results of their procurement policies and their Grow More Food campaigns. Very recently, a new drive has been undertaken by the Centre and it is hoped the urgency of the problem will be driven home to all the official agencies which have anything to do with it and to every section of the people.

There is reason to think we have seen the peak of the inflationary tendencies which were so alarmingly in evidence in the first half of the year under review. Prices seem to have been stabilised; but I am afraid I cannot quite share the Finance Minister's optimism about any substantial recession setting in. There is little, in an otherwise soundly conceived Budget, which can be said to set in motion a downward trend of prices. The measure to control dividends, as an anti-inflationary device, has only a limited value, which has been more than offset by the wage increases that have been recently granted to a large number of employees in Government establishments. On the other hand, the Central Excises and the Sales Taxes, in respect of articles of necessities levied in some of the Provinces cannot but have an inflationary effect.

To the extent to which the pursuit of social ideals and reforms, regardless of practical considerations, is responsible for the imposition of indiscriminate taxation, there can be nothing but condemnation of the policies that are at work. The revenues that are being so wantonly thrown away could have been utilised in a hundred and one ways for urgent schemes of development calculated to promote the real interests of the people. The social reforms, undertaken by some of the Provinces, if reforms they can be called, are dearly bought when the price paid is the dislocation of the country's economy.

Capital's Task

During the last few months, repeated assurances have been forthcoming of the keen anxiety of the Central Government to promote industrial development and restore the confidence of the business community. It is unfortunate that this should have failed to produce any results.

The Stock Exchanges which reflect the temper of the industrialist and the investor seem to have sunk into a sort of stupor from which nothing seems to be able to rouse them. To a large extent, this is due to the shift in income groups which has taken place in recent years. Owing to heavy taxation and the high cost of living, the middle class investor has been impoverished and has not much money to play with.

WITH ALL THAT, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE COUNTRY'S RECOVERY THAT THE PREVAILING SENTIMENT SHOULD CHANGE TO ONE OF QUIET CONFIDENCE. GONE ARE THE DAYS WHEN HUGE FORTUNES AND PROFITS COULD BE MADE. BUT A COMPARATIVELY UNDEVELOPED COUNTRY LIKE INDIA HAS STILL MUCH TO OFFER BY WAY OF REWARDS TO CAPITAL AND ENTERPRISE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO STAND STILL; THAT WAY WE ARE BOUND TO JEOPARDISE THE STRENGTH AND STABILITY OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURE BUILT UP AFTER SO MANY VICISSITUDES. CAPITAL MAY BE PROVERBIALLY SHY; BUT IF IT DEVELOPS A COMPLEX THAT IT MUST HAVE A SAFEGUARD AGAINST EVERY POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY, IT FAILS IN ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION.

The Banking Bill

The Banking Bill, which was first introduced in 1944 and had a somewhat chequered career, has at last made its progress through the Legislature. The Bill, the primary purpose of which was to protect the interests of depositors, originally contained some drastic provisions which would have seriously hampered the normal working of Banks. As a result of the representations made by a deputation from the Indian Banks Association, the Select Committee did away with some of the most objectionable features of the Bill. Even so, the measure, in its final form, imposes a number of restrictions and arms the Reserve Bank with very wide powers of control. Section 21 particularly emphasises the dangers inherent in any piece of legislation which seeks to deal with the malpractices of a few by restrictions imposed on a whole class. It prescribes that the Reserve Bank may determine the policy in relation to advances to be followed by banking companies generally, or by any banking company in particular, and also provides for directives to be issued in respect of the purposes for which advances may be made, the margins to be maintained and the rates of interest to be charged.

It is obvious that if such powers are not exercised with the utmost discretion, they might make the ordinary operations of banking companies extremely difficult; but I have every hope that, in actual practice, these provisions will be called into requisition only for dealing with reckless or fraudulent practices. With this reservation, I would say the Act should result in a general strengthening of the structure of Indian Banking and in its development on lines which may contribute to its growth and popularity.

Central Bank's Prosperous Year

I shall now turn to the Report and the Statement of Accounts presented to you. The item on which you would naturally like to have information is the item of Doubtful Debts. In the last Balance Sheet, we had shown Rs 51 lakhs as debts considered doubtful, and on the Liability Side we had shown Rs. 45 lakhs under the heading of "Contingency Fund". We considered this amount a sufficient provision to meet such of the Doubtful Debts as may become irrecoverable. Since then, the position has substantially improved, and, in the Balance Sheet in your hands, the item of Doubtful Debts is shown at Rs. 30 lakhs. As you will see from the Directors' Report, we have been able to add out of the profits of the year Rs. 5 lakhs to the Contingency Fund, which now stands at Rs. 50 lakhs.

The net profits made by the Bank were slightly higher than in the previous year, after taking into account the contribution of Rs. 2,50,000 made by the Bank to the "Gandhi Memorial Fund." Our profit figures would have been still higher but we had to adopt a policy of caution so far as our advances at our offices in the Hyderabad State were concerned. For several months, till more settled conditions prevailed, our business had to be considerably reduced. Apart from the normal establishment charges, we had at many places, on account of the uncertain and difficult conditions, to pay heavy insurance charges and to pay special emergency allowances to the staff.

Strike Trouble

We had also a considerable set-back in our business activities at our Calcutta offices, where the staff went on strike for 20 days from August 5 to 25, 1948. We had to send special relieving Staff from Bombay, Delhi and other places, to carry on the work; the expenses incurred for their travelling, board, and lodging whilst in Calcutta are reflected in the item of "Other Charges" in the statement of Profit and Loss Account.

Higher Dividend Allowed

As shareholders may be aware, the Limitation of Dividends Ordinance, if strictly applied to our Bank, would have prevented us from maintaining the dividend at the level of 14%—at which it has stood for several years—for the reason that in 1946, in lieu of a cash dividend, fully paid Bonus Shares were issued. The circumstances in which such issue of capital was made constituted a very strong case for the exercise of the discretion vested in Government, and, as a result of representations made to the Finance Ministry, our claim was happily conceded.

Deposits Increase

Our deposits at the end of the year showed an increase of over Rs. 9 crores and stood at the figure of Rs. 132 crores. This additional amount had to be profitably utilised, and, if you will compare the figures of our Investment portfolio, you will see that, as compared to the previous year, investments increased by Rs. 6½ crores. By these means, and by making every effort to maintain our lending rates, in spite of keen competition from banks, the item of Interest and Discount on the income side of the Profit and Loss Account stands higher by Rs. 6 lakhs as compared with the corresponding figure of the previous year. It may also be stated that, by controlling our Borrowing rates, a saving of Rs. 6,30,000 over the previous year's figures was effected, as appears from the item under the heading "Interest Allowed" on the expenditure side of the Profit and Loss Account.

As regards the item of Lands and Buildings on the Asset Side of the Balance Sheet, the amount is practically the same as in the previous year. Last year, I had stated that in the provision we had made by way of Sinking Fund, shown on the Liabilities side of the Balance Sheet, we had a reserve which could be drawn upon whenever the occasion demanded it. This year, the Directors, after carefully considering the position of this Account, decided to transfer out of the Sinking Fund a sum of Rs. 17,60,000 to the Reserve Fund. The position of the Sinking Fund now is that, for the leasehold premises at Calcutta, Lahore and Karachi, we have a provision of over Rs 7,78,000, and for the remaining properties, Rs. 30 lakhs. Every year, out of the profits, a certain portion is set apart for being added to the Sinking Fund in respect of leasehold properties, interest being also added to the Fund, and by the time the respective leases expire, this portion of the Sinking Fund should be equal to the book values of the leasehold properties.

Reserve Fund

The profits for the year enabled the Directors to add the very substantial amount of Rs. 43 lakhs to the Reserve Fund, which now stands at Rs 3,16,28,500 and which is more than the Paid-up Capital of the Bank. The total of Reserve and other Funds of a similar nature, namely the Contingency Fund and the Sinking Fund, comes to Rs 4,04,00,000.

Central Inquiry Into Labour Disputes

In my speech last year, I had expressed the opinion that an all-India inquiry was necessary to be set up to look into the question of the remuneration paid to employees of Banks having Branches in different centres with a view to proper scales being determined. I had also stated that the offices of the Bank would necessarily have to be divided into several classes according to living conditions, the importance of the place, the volume of business transacted and the earning capacity. On a representation being made through the Indian Banks' Association to the Reserve Bank of India the latter took up the matter with the Government of India.

I understand the Government of India have now decided, in consultation with the Provincial Governments, to make suitable changes in the Industrial Disputes Act XIV of 1947, and it is expected that at an early date a Tribunal will be set up to which all disputes between Banks working on an All-India basis and their employees will be referred. Such an adjudication would do away with the anomalies which are at present prevailing, and would save Banks' Executives a good deal of the time and trouble which they have to expend in having to present cases before Tribunals set up by different Provincial Governments, and which are not working on the same principles.

Two Types Of Shares

I think I ought to refer to one other matter before I close this brief review of the Bank's operations during the year. Inquiries have been made from time to time as to why there are different quotations for the two types of Shares we have, the Ordinary and the Ordinary "A", the latter being generally quoted at about Rs. 2 lower. I do not see any reason for this difference in quotation. The new Shares get dividend at the same rate as the old and, in all other respects, they carry the same rights and privileges. My purpose in referring to this matter is just to remove any misconception that may prevail on the subject.

Appreciation

Many of the members of the staff at the Head Office and the various Branches and Pay Offices had to work under conditions of difficulty, and our thanks are due to them for the manner in which they discharged their duties. The Managing Director, Mr. Captain, had many additional burdens thrown on him in connection with the Banking Bill the representation of the Bank's case in adjudication proceedings outside the Province and the Bank's claim for exemption from the strict application of the provisions of the Limitation of Dividends Ordinance. From personal experience, I can say his work in all these directions was of outstanding value. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Karanjia, the Manager, Branches, to Mr. Cooper, the Secretary, and to other Officers at Headquarters and at Branches who had to work under considerable pressure on account of the abnormal conditions which are still prevailing. It is due to them that I should place on record our deep appreciation of all that they have done.

ACADEMY OF HINDUSTANI MUSIC

Members of the Governing Body of the National Academy of Hindustani Music, Lucknow, photographed during a recent session.

Over The Spans Of Time

BY CAWAS J. PAVRI

Last Tuesday I, among others, saw the gracious "Mountbatten girls" board a giant Constellation of Air India International and take off for home. The wave of hands fluttering in farewell was however not all for the charming Countess Edwina and her daughter, lovely Lady Pamela. There were other participants in this human drama of leave-taking who also were on that other end of farewell—inside the airplane.

Notable among these were J. K. Mceldowney, the hard driving, go-getting president of the Oriental-International Films Incorporated of America; Lady Sylla Petit; Shastri of Reserve Bank; Bannerjee of the Government of India; and old Chultz of Germany, who having spent a lifetime in India, was now just going back home—in answer to that stirring call of one's own native land which rings all the louder in one's ears with the approaching eventime of life. Poignant as it was, there was something far more nobler still, in the homegoing of this old man of dignity whom I could distinctly see flourishing a lean hand in front of plane's porthole —Perhaps in farewell to some old old friend who had come to see him off—or, perhaps, in farewell to just nobody in particular, but to the land of all his living.

With these, and most of the rest, I exchanged a few words here and there while they were yet seated in the enclosure, awaiting the signal to board the plane—Asked about the future of the Indian Picture Industry, Mr McCloudwney, himself a tycoon of the hlm industry, and who is already well ahead with the job of filming in technicolour right here in India, a film version of Rumer-gadden's "The River", just significantly looked around the gorgeous display of multi-coloured 'saris' and said: "Why, in a land like yours, full with technicolour possibilities, I should never give a second thought to the future of the industry."

I learned from Mr. N. S. R. Shastri, the Director of Statistics, Reserve Bank of India, that he was making the trip to study abroad the latest X-Y-Z's in statistics, and round it off by attending the International Conference of Statisticians, to be held this September in Switzerland.

The next half hour or so I pleasantly spent just cheating! hear! and chatting there, until it was time for the passengers to go aboard the airship. Glistening white like some infinitely graceful bird, that Air-India International levaithan of the air was already athrob with the preparations for its take-off.

I, together with colleague Kumtaker, now moved out onto the runway. We were hoping to get one last shot at the Mountbatten girls as they boarded the plane of the Air-India International line, on which, they had stated on a previous occasion, they had had so many pleasant and comfortable flights.

The crowd inside the enclosure was pressing on the rails to get a better view of the friends, relatives, and those friends of all Indians, the gracious Mountbatten girls, who would move out to the waiting plane now any minute. Prominent by his prowess, Dossu Karaka of MARCH was also one of those hugging the rails. It was however Dossu himself who, seeing me with the flashlights, presently furnished the reason by requesting me to turn them on to that lovely society charmer, Lady Sylla Petit. What's more, he was already claiming an 'exclusive' on the picture without even waiting to see how it would come off! Well.

And then it happened—the file past to the airplane. shouts of farewell, shouts back, a look over the shoulder, a wave, a smile, one more shout of mingled fare-wells—friends and relatives, the known ones and the unknown, even the lone ones, caught in the humane contagion of leave-taking, waving back, and—finally, the slam shutting of the door! In the next few minutes the plane, already a diminishing speck of light, as it winged higher and higher and farther and farther, was gone from our midst.

Somewhere, the clock was striking one hour past mid-night. And as I picked my way back home through the darkness, I gave myself up to the luxury of pondering the never ending romance of that human drama of man bidding farewell to man.

"Queen Of Diamonds" Committed To Mental Hospital

NEW YORK, (UPA): It was learnt today that Mrs. Theodore Cella—the fabulous "Queen of Diamonds" of the 1920's and 30's—had been committed to the Manhattan State Hospital for mental illness.

The Society Editor of the New York "World-Telegram" said he had learned that she was removed from her doctor's hospital on March 7 to Bellevue and eight days later was committee to the Manhattan State Hospital.

Authorities at the hospital, because of a law governing mental patients, would not comment on her case.

The "World-Telegram" said: "The tawny-haired daughter of a former Rochester bar-tender, who had picked up more than a quart of previous stones on her inter-continental ramblings, had been living for some time with her fifth husband, Theodore Cella, a harpist at the Savoy Plaza Hotel."

Cella, who formerly played with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, could not be reached at his suite in the Savoy Plaza.

Mrs. Cella once vainly offered Charles Levine 50,000 dollars for permission to fly with him across the Atlantic. Now about 55, she first attracted nationwide attention in the early 20's when she began appearing in public with jewels reportedly worth 1,000,000 dollars.

Mrs. Cella's most-widely publicized marriage was with Count Voleslov de Porceri which lasted six months and ended in a divorce in 1935.

One of the biggest headlines of her career came after Georges Charlot, French dancer, shot himself outside the door of her home in 1934 when she informed she did not love him. He recovered from the wound.

She married her present husband in 1940.

Last Bulletin On King's Health

LONDON, March 30, (PTI-Reuter): A bulletin issued at Buckingham Palace today said King George continues to make good progress after his operation on March 12, but a long period of convalescence will be necessary.

Today's bulletin will be the last.

REYK JAVIK, March 30. (PTI-Reuter)—The Icelandic Parliament today approved Iceland's adherence to the North Atlantic Pact.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY.
NEW YORK, March 30.

Previous Closing	32.19
Today's Opening	32.20
Difference	+1
Today's Closing	32.28
Difference	+9

LAST QUOTATIONS.
BOMBAY, March 30.

	Rs.	As.
Silver Vaishak Shud 15	172	8
Gold Vaishak Shud	107	10
Silver Bullion	174	0
Silver Mint		
Gold Ready	109	8
Sovereign	72	12
EXPECTATION:		
Cotton Jarila May	624	8

NEW YORK STOCKS.
NEW YORK, Maarch 30.
Opening prices:—
Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 32-3/8.
General Motors dol. 60-3/8.
United States Steel Common dol. 74-3/8.
Ditto Pref. dol. 135-1/2.—(Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Firm Trend

LONDON, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): A fairly general buying movement gave most section in the London Stock Exchange a very firm appearance at the start of the new account today.

This account will include the budget and Easter Holidays and will be of three weeks duration. Usually such conditions would discourage buyers and the upswing in the markets today has led many to hope for tax relief in the budget.

Many of the industrial groups were favoured, outstanding with strength were breweries tobaccoes and building shares.

Miscellaneous leaders were a few pence higher but elsewhere gains were upto two Shillings.

A better tendency that was noticed in yesterday's close of the oil market was carried a step further today. Buying was brisk and resulted in improvements of one-sixteenth.

There was hardly sufficient business in British Government Stocks to give the section a definite trend and prices remained steady.

Buyers were quick off the mark in the South African gold market. Johannesburg and London provided good demand for all classes of issues and useful gains were widespread. Free-staters in particular were wanted.

PORTUGAL TO JOIN ATLANTIC PACT

WASHINGTON, March 30 (PTI-Reuter)—Portugal has decided to join the North Atlantic Security Pact, an authoritative source said today.

Portuguese officials said that the Portugal Foreign Office were informing the British and American Ambassadors in Lisbon of this decision today.

The Portuguese Foreign Minister, Signor Jose Caeiro Da Matta, was expected to arrive in New York tomorrow to join in the signing of the treaty with the other North Atlantic Powers next Monday.

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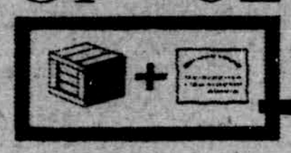

The equation atop is not a mathematical quizz but a simple answer to an old problem. It means that, in consigning goods by rail, good packing plus clear labelling and marking (GP + CL) saves suspense and expense S(S + X).

The suspense in not getting the goods at the expected time is known to everyone who has experienced delay in receiving his consignments. The expense is incurred not only by the individual consignor and consignee owing to the failure of the transaction to come off but also by the railways who pay nearly two crores of rupees in compensation for goods lost or damaged in transit. When consignments are packed strongly, labelled properly and marked correctly, they are sure to reach their destination in good time and in good condition.

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Parliament Passes Finance Bill

THAKURDAS BHARGAVA'S AMENDMENT CARRIED

Increase In Tax Exemption Limit On Income Of Joint Hindu Family

HOUSE CONGRATULATES SARDAR ON PROVIDENTIAL ESCAPE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 30 (API): THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT TODAY PASSED THE FINANCE BILL WITH AN AMENDMENT BY PANDIT THAKURDAS BHARGAVA RAISING THE TAX EXEMPTION LIMIT ON THE INCOME OF THE HINDU JOINT FAMILY FROM RS. 3,000 TO RS. 5,000.

THE CONCESSION WILL APPLY TO FAMILIES WHICH HAVE AT LEAST TWO ADULT MEMBERS ENTITLED TO A SHARE ON PARTITION.

SARDAR CONGRATULATED

Before adjourning, the House cheered the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar's statement from the chair: "Mr. Gadgil (Minister, Works, Mines and Power) who has just returned from Jaipur, brings us good news, that our Deputy Prime Minister is hale and hearty.

"By God's grace he has narrowly escaped. We thank Providence for having spared him. May he be spared for a long number of years to serve the country".

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar pointed out that the Government of India's balance with the Reserve Bank had dwindled from Rs. 366 crores in 1947-48 to Rs. 200 crores in January 1949. The Government proposed to draw Rs. 131 crores for capital expenditure and a balance of Rs. 69 crores was a "dangerous margin". The House must understand the real financial situation in the country. Government loans were not subscribed fully. Unless the money market improved it was impossible for the Government to raise big loans and they had to stop all development programmes both in the Centre and the Provinces. To him it appeared that the money market was more dry than shy.

SHRINKAGE OF BANK CREDIT

Mr. Ayyangar contended that though the amount of currency put into circulation had appreciated from Rs. 168 crores to Rs. 1,200 crores in the course of a few years, real money and bank credit had shrunk considerably.

The value of the shares had shrunk by 75 per cent. The Government must give every inducement to various interests so that more money could be available for Government loans and also for industrial expansion.

Mr. Ayyangar said that India had bungled in respect of sterling balances. He suggested that India should raise loans in the United States on the security of the Sterling Balances. The British Government should be asked to be the guarantor for such loans which would enable India to get capital goods. As far as Marshall Aid was concerned he said that it was not a question of going to others with a begging bowl.

"We are trying to associate ourselves with the Commonwealth. We cannot remain all alone in the world. If it is possible let us be friends with some countries. England took Marshall Aid from the United States. Has England become a beggar? She has rehabilitated herself with the aid".

The problem of capital investments in India should be tackled from all sides, Mr. Ayyangar added.

NO SQUARE DEAL TO PROVINCES

Mr Kuladhar Chaliha said that provinces like Assam, Orissa and Bihar were not getting a square deal in the matter of allocation of income-tax to the Provinces and suggested that in arriving at the various percentages the source from where the income was derived should be borne in mind. For instance all the Assam planters paid their income tax at Calcutta, although the source of the income was Assam. Mr Chaliha suggested that a Finance Commission should be set up to work out a new formula for the allocation of income-tax to different provinces.

Mr Chaliha added that although, after listening to the Government speeches he had nothing to say against the increase in postal rates, it would be very difficult to convince the poor villagers about the need for it.

TAXATION LEVEL UNJUSTIFIED

Mr. Banarsi Prasad Jhunjhunwala asked whether the work done by Government now justified the present expenditure and level of taxation. Apart from routine work, nothing tangible was being done. What were Government doing to fight inflation, which was the most important problem? The only way to fight it was by increasing production but no Ministers had set any target before himself. The trouble was that those at the helm of affairs had some pre-conceived ideas which they could not get rid of. For instance, so much was being talked about increasing production. If better seed and implements were provided, even with existing facilities food production could be raised by fifteen per cent. But this was not being done. The illiterate peasants possessed more agricultural knowledge than the people Government sent out to spread the results of their research.

AJMER-MARWARA'S GRIEVANCE

Pandit Mukut Beharilal Bhargava said that the Central Government could not escape responsibility for the "backwardness" of the people of Ajmer-Merwara. His greatest grievance was that the peasantry of Ajmer-Merwara, who had for centuries been groaning under the "oppression and tyranny" of the landlords, had received no consideration. Unless something was done urgently the situation might go out of control, he said. Mr. Bhargava also urged that the Central Government must make every endeavour to produce more salt in the country so as to attain self sufficiency.

Lala Deshbandhu Gupta welcomed the concession granted to Hindu Joint families by raising the exemption limit on income from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 but wanted the concession to be extended to super-tax.

The appointment of the Income-Tax Investigation Commission, he said, had not stopped tax-dodging. He would suggest that a flat rate should be fixed for those who had committed "sins" in the past provided they paid up the amount by a fixed rate and gave assurances for the future. That rate might be fixed if necessary at 50 or 60 per cent. By this method, Government would realise "crores and crores of rupees" and put a stop to corruption, which he said, was becoming "almost perpetual".

Sardar Hukum Singh said that in granting concessions to the capitalists and industrialists, the Finance Minister had been guided by the motive of increased production through these incentives, but in fixing the figure for floating of loan at 17 crores, he had either no confidence in his own proposals or had no faith in the industrialists. In either case, he should consider the advisability of withdrawing the concessions amounting to Rs. 6 crores and giving relief to the poor people. In regard to the Railways, he said that the Railways were neither giving proper facilities to the passengers nor did they contribute adequate returns to the general revenue. The only alternative was to reduce the expenditure on the railways.

FINANCE MINISTER'S REPLY

Replying to the two-day debate Dr. John Matthai, the Finance Minister at the outset referred to the advisability of adopting the present procedure of setting up a Select Committee to examine the Finance Bill. He said that it was a matter on which he could not express final opinion as the final deciding authority was the House itself. Undoubtedly there were some advantages and some disadvantages. The principal advantage was that it enabled the representatives of the Government and the representatives of the House to have a "free, informal and unfettered" discussion on the considerations that underlay the Budget. At the end of it, although they were not able to resolve all the conflicts, they were able to understand and appreciate each other's point of view. To that extent, he was in favour of the arrangement.

TAX EVASION CASES

Speaking about the Taxation Investigation Commission, Dr. Matthai said that the Commission had done a great deal of spade work in regard to the methods adopted in practically all the ecases that had been referred to them, and also the methods adopted by some, for evading taxes. He thought that the progress of work would hereafter be much greater. Meanwhile, the Government had made provision by Ordinance for the voluntary settlement of these cases by agreement between the Commission and the parties. He hoped that the parties whose cases were before the Commission would take advantage of the provisions. He felt that some basis would be found which would be reasonable in the public interest and fair to assessees and thought that on that basis as large a number of these cases as possible would be settled voluntarily.

On the question of the Hindu undivided family, the Finance Minister said that the matter was coming up in the form of an amendment. He had stated the Government's position in regard to the question of exemption and he wanted to make it clear that if he had agreed to a higher exemption limit it was simply a temporary relief and any fair decision they came to today was without prejudice to the decision the House might take after a more comprehensive examination of the whole position.

RE-INTRODUCTION OF SALT DUTY

With regard to the question of reintroduction of the salt duty as suggested by Mr. Neziruddin, Dr. Matthai said that as the Finance Minister of the Interim Government, he was greatly responsible for the decision to abolish the Salt Duty. This decision was based on two considerations namely, the duty was to be apolished and with the abolition of the duty the Government should take every possible step to expand the production of salt and improve its quality. In pursuance of this decision, the Government deputed a special Officer to enquire into the possibility of putting the salt industry on a sound basis. At the time the investigation was completed, the Finance Department passed into the hands of the Muslim section of the Coalition Government who had no particular interest in the matter. The Ministry of Industries which was now seized of the issue, Dr. Matthai said, would no doubt put the salt industry in a satisfactory position.

He agreed with Mr. Khandubhai Desai that production was at the root of the problem of capital formation, but Mr. Desai seemed to think that production was entirely dependent on the employer. He said that occasionally Mr. Desai would make an appeal to labour in this country to do its part a little more effectively (cheers and hear, hear).

The question of economy in public expenditure had been rightly raised by Mr. Tyagi, the Finance Minister continued. The only way in which democratic Government could be made to do its job properly was to raise this question as often as one could. But, Dr. Matthai said, he was not in a position to give any undertaking on either of the points raised by Mr. Tyagi, namely that no supplementary demands should be brought forward next year and that within the next year public expenditure should be reduced by a hundred crores.

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh had asked why the estimates of customs revenue for 1949-50 were on a lower scale. Government's estimate of Customs revenue, said Dr. Matthai, "are based on three considerations; firstly, what is the foreign exchange available to us; secondly, what is going to be the reaction on indigenous production. The best estimate we could make on these various considerations is the one embodied in the budget.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Prof. K. T. Shah had raised the question of public utilities, contribution to general revenues. "I do think" said Dr. Matthai "that if we are interested by gradual or by rapid stages in nationalising industries, the question of replacing the revenue that we are likely to lose by way of income-tax will have to be taken seriously into account. The problem arose in all its nakedness in Russia, where practically the whole industrial system is state-owned. What they do is to levy a turn-over tax. That is to say you fix the prices of the products of nationalised industries at a level, which will not only cover the cost of production and overhead charges but something extra, which will be a contribution to the State. If we are going in for nationalisation of public utility services that kind of obligation will necessarily present itself to us".

He was grateful to the Deputy Speaker Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar for his exposition of the present financial and monetary position. "I could not improve upon it. I am entirely in agreement with him and that is really the basis of the Budget proposals I have made".

Mr. Chaliha had raised the question of allocation of grants and loans to the provinces. Dr. Matthai continued the point that he raised were, what was to be the basis of the centre's assistance to provincial Governments; secondly, the provincial share of income-tax and thirdly the provincial share of export duty. These were all difficult questions, Dr. Matthai said. The Government of Assam had been writing "strong letters" to him, to put it very mildly (laughter). Other provinces had been doing the same. "I am at present in a position where it is impossible for me to steer my course at all one way or other" said the Finance Minister.

"My own mind has been working rather in the direction that Mr. Chaliha suggested, namely, that probably the best way of finding a solution for this extremely difficult, almost intractable, problem is to have something like a financial Commission appointed which would set this question at rest, at any rate, for a period of years. I am not making any definite announcement, all that I want to indicate so that my mind is working along the direction that was suggested by Mr. Chaliha".

Mr. Jhunjhunwala had raised the question of inflation, the inflation problem, said Dr. Matthai was a difficult problem and he did not want to minimise its importance, but comparing the figures of 60 countries he felt that there was no reason to be "very seriously perturbed or worried" about it.

DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCES

Lala Deshbandhu Gupta had raised the question of giving retrospective effect to depreciation allowances. Dr. Matthai was not in a position to accept the suggestion, although there was a certain amount of force in the suggestion. "Considering the financial limitations under which we are working today", the Finance Minister said "what we are concerned with more is not equity but incentive. And if incentive is the primary consideration, then it is the future rather than the past that should be our main consideration, it is stating I regret to say, a practical but not necessarily an ethical point of view but I am forced into a position where sometimes I have to make compromises which I cannot very well defend".

DR. MATTHAI ASSURED SARDAR HUKUM SINGH THAT IF MARKET CONDITIONS IMPROVED, GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO GO IN FOR A BIGGER LOAN THAN EIGHTYFIVE CRORES.

During the clause by clause discussion, the House rejected a number of amendments by Prof. K. T. Shah and one by Mr. Lakshminrayan Sahu seeking to reduce the postal rates to one and half annas for ordinary letters and a surcharge of half anna for air mail and half an anna for postcards.

Prof. Shah was supported by Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru who said that even without increasing these rates the Government could have found other sources of revenue. As a result of the new International Wheat Agreement, they would now save about two and half crores on food subsidies to the provinces.

The Economy Committee's recommendations would also result in savings to the Government.

The House accepted Pandit Thakurdas Bhargava's amendment raising the minimum taxable income in the case of the Hindu undivided family from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 as against Rs. 3,500 suggested by the Select Committee.

The amendment specified that a joint Hindu family must at least have two members entitled to a share on partition who are not less than 18 years of age or at least two members entitled to share on partition neither of whom is a lenial descendent of the other and both of whom are not lenially descended from any living member of the family.

Pandit Bhargava stated that although this concession would not meet the needs, it was all the same a gesture on the part of the Finance Minister which ought to be welcomed.

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, assured the House that the separate income of a member of a joint family would be separately assessed as hitherto and the income of the joint family would be assessed only in respect of income derived from common property or business holding. This was the practice followed hitherto and this would be continued.

The House passed the Finance Bill and adjourned till tomorrow.

Reference In Assembly

NEW DELHI, March 30 (A.P.I.): A reference to the mishap to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's plane near Jaipur last night was made in the Indian Parliament today when the House resumed discussion on the Finance Bill.

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh, continuing his unfinished speech on the bill, took the occasion to explain "profound thankfulness to providence for saving the precious life of Sardar Patel". The House loudly cheered this remark.

Dr. Deshmukh added: "His services to the country have been incalculable".

Karachi Letter

ENQUIRY TRIBUNAL FOR ILLAHI BAKSH

(From Our Coreespondent)

KARACHI (By Air Mail): It is learnt, the Government of Pakistan are seriously considering the question of setting up a Special Enquiry Tribunal to enquire into the various allegations of corruption, nepotism, favouritism, mal-adminstration etc., levelled against Sind's last Premier Pir Illahi Bakhsh, as was done in the case of Mr. M. A. Khuhro.

Besides, removing Pir Illahi Bakhsh's name from all Government or public institutions, buildings etc which he got inserted during his Premiership is also receiving Government consideration. Pir Saheb got the famous 'Dass Garden' of Hyderabad (Sind) renamed as 'Pir Illahi Bakhsh Garden' which was formerly named after late Mr. C. R. Dass.

ARMED GUARDS ON PAKISTAN TRAINS

On account of the two incidents that occurred during the last fortnight of attack on women passengers in running trains in Sind area, the Government of Pakistan have now announced that special armed guards will be posted with all the passengers trains, particularly during the time when these trains have to pass through Sind territory during night time Such guards will be stationed next to the women's compartments as both the present attacks were made on ladies.

INTER-DOMINION CONFERENCE

To Be Held In New Delhi On April 2

KARACHI, March 30, (A.P.I.): India and Pakistan have agreed to hold their next Inter-dominion Conference in New Delhi on April 2 and 3, it was announced here tonight.

An official press-note said principal subjects of discussion would be various financial, economic and railway matters.

Refugee relief and rehabilitation are to be dealth with at a later conference.

Pakistan's Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad will lead the Pakistan's delegation which will leave for New Delhi on April 1 and are expected to return on April 4.

The delegation will consist of officials of the Ministries of Finance and Commerce, the Departments of Survey, Civil Aviation, Railways, Posts and Telegraphs, and Military Finance.

Cachalia And Naidoo To Meet Liaquat Ali

DURRAN, March 30 (PTI-Reuter): Moulvi I. A. Cachalia and M. D. Naidoo now in India have been appointed accredited representatives of the South African Indian Congress to acquaint the Governments of India and Pakistan about the facts of the Indian situation in the Union.

They have already met Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, and have now gone to Karachi to meet Liaquat Ali Khan Prime Minister of Pakistan.

RAILWAYS PAY HUGE AMOUNT AS COMPENSATION

Claims For 1947-48 Total Rs. 132 Lakhs

NEW DELHI, March 30 (API): Compensation paid by railways in settlement of claims in 1947-48 totalled about 132 lakhs, said Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State, Railways, in reply to Mr. R. L. Malaviya in Parliament.

Mr. Santhanam said that the "confusion" in 1947-48 was responsible for a great deal of pilferage and loss. Steps had been taken to liquidate all the claims and to see that the claims bill was reduced as far as possible.

COLLIERIES

Railway collieries produced 2,950,507 tons of coal in 1948, as compared to 39,460,002 tons in 1946, while the average output of Government owned collieries was 3,527,977 tons, and that of private owned collieries 26,195,440 tons.

Giving these figures in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookherjee, Minister of Industry and Supply, said that the cost of maintenance in Government owned collieries was higher and production less, as compared with private owned collieries. The Government were now investigating the question of cost of maintenance as well as increase in production.

There were nine industrial concerns either partly or wholly owned by the Government, and they included the fertiliser factory at Sindri, the mathematical instrument office Calcutta, Hindustan Aircraft Company, Bangalore, salt industries in Sambhar and other places, collieries, Indian telephone industries, P. and T. workshop at Calcutta and other places, postal seals office at Aligarh and Air India International.

The Minister said that the provincial governments were at liberty to start state industries, but sanction of the Central Government was required if help was needed for obtaining raw materials and equipments.

RECLAMATION

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister of Agriculture, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. R. L. Malaviya that during the current season a total area of 60,000 acres was proposed to be reclaimed in the Central Provinces.

The total area of weed-infested land in C. P. requiring reclamation operations, was 6,00,000 acres, the Minister said. It was proposed to reclaim the entire area within a period of 7 years under another scheme which was at present under the consideration of the Government of India.

The Central Tractor Organisation was operating 96 tractors in C.P. and Berar during the current season. The work was being done on a "non-profit non-loss" basis.

Mr. Jairamdas told Mr. H. V. Kamath that the total available land for reclamation in the whole of India was estimated at six crores of acres.

MURDERS ON RAILWAYS.

Two thousand murders were committed on Indian Government Railways in 1947-48, said Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, Railway Minister, in reply to a question in Parliament to-day.

The large number of murders during that period, Mr. Ayyangar said, was due to the disturbed conditions in the country at that time. The number of murders committed on railways during 1948-49 was twenty.

A scientific and technical information service at the Indian agricultural research institute would begin to function shortly said Mr. Jairamdas, in reply to Mr. Lakshminarayanssahbu.

A proposal to establish an information bureau in the ministry of agriculture, for the purpose of collecting and collating particulars of all research and development activities throughout India was under consideration, he said adding that it would be for this bureau to disseminate information by publication of pamphlets or journals.

HIGH PRICES OF NEWSPRINT.

Speaking of the Finance Bill Dr. Deshmukh said in Parliament to-day, now that the Government had decided to stop food imports from 1951 they should effect retrenchment in the food ministry. He also complained that the railways had not been contributing an adequate share to the general revenue.

Dr. Deshmukh referred to disparity in the prices of newsprint here as compared to the world price. He calculated that the prevailing price here was two-and a-half times the world price. The Government should pay immediate attention to this and see that authors and journalists were not handicapped in their noble work.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

Dr. Shyam Prasad Mookherjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, told Mr R. K Sidhwa in Parliament, today that the Ministries of Industry and Relief and Rehabilitation were working together so far as the development of cottage industries was concerned.

He added that the need for the rapid organisation and expansion of cottage industries was stressed in the first meeting of the All-India Cottage Industries Board, on which all Provincial and State Governments were represented. This Board had also indicated that by the organisation of cottage industries, refugees could be helped.

The Village Industries Association, founded by Mahatma Gandhi, the Minister said, was not willing to participate in the meeting of the Board, but the Government again negotiated with the Association, and it was now prepared to join the Board.

Mr. Khurshed Lal, Minister of State, Communications, replying to Prof. K. T. Shah in Parliament gave the following comparative figures of mail carried by surface routes and by air in the first nine months of 1948-49:—

Inland letters, 572.96 million by surface routes and 12.47 million by air; foreign letters, 35.19 million by surface routes and 12.23 million by air; Inland postcards, 636.98 million by surface routes and 0.16 million by air, and foreign postcards 25.24 million by surface routes and 0.06 million by air.

STORES & EQUIPMENT FROM PAKISTAN

"Substantial quantities of defence, railway and posts and telegraphs stores and equipment are still due to be received from Pakistan in accordance with the agreements reached at the time of partition", said Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, Railway Minister in a written answer to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa in Parliament today.

FOLLOW MAHATMA'S IDEALS

Pant's Exhortation To People

KANPUR, March 29 (API): Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Premier of the United Provinces, addressing a public meeting here exhorted the people of the province to follow the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and not be led away by the attempts of the RSS, Communists and other organisations to create chaos and anarchy by violent means.

He said that the Muslim League, RSS and other parties had been raising issues from time to time to disrupt India's peace. Fortunately they had failed so far. The RSS was an anti-Gandhi organisation and the Communist party was directed by foreign interests who wanted to overwhelm India with anarchy, Pandit Pant said.

No Travel Facilities For Communist Delegates To Peace Conference

NEW YORK, March 30. (PTI-Reuter)—As a result of action by the United States Department the cross-country tour by 18 Communist delegates to the recent cultural and scientific conference for world peace has been called off.

Less than 12 hours before the delegates were to have appeared at the first of a series of rallies, the State Department yesterday announced that their visas were good only for last week's conference in New York city.

Subsequently, a spokesman for the conference said that the Communists definitely would not appear at any of the rallies unless the Department changed its mind. Meanwhile, he said, a telegram had been sent to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson asking him to rescind the order regarding the visas.

KARACHI, March 29 (API).—Twenty-four persons from Hyderabad (Dn) were fined for entering Pakistan on false permits by an additional city magistrate today.

FUTURE STATUS OF LACCADIVES

Residents Urge Merger With Madras Province

CALICUT, March 30. (API)—One of the nine islands forming the Laccadives group off Malabar Coast wants to become "an integral part of Madras province".

A memorandum to the Government of India submitted by the residents of Androth island says that the Laccadive island should be constituted as a constituency of Madras province entitled to send an elected representative to the Madras legislature.

Other points made in the memorandum which was submitted on behalf of the islanders by the Congress Committee of Androth are:

At present inhabitants of Islands are treated as people of an "excluded area", the Indian Penal Code and Criminal Codes are not being applicable to them, and they are backward in education. They want these rectified.

The present administrative set up of an Amin assisted by his nominated councillors should be replaced by an elected body with an Executive Officer.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES

The Islanders want better transport and communication facilities including the introduction of steamer-ferry service between the Island and the mainland of India and the extension of post and telegraph service to the Islands.

Lying about 200 miles off the coast of Malabar there are fourteen islands in this coral group. Nine of them are inhabited by nearly 18,000 people who are mostly Muslims. The language is a corupt form of Malayalam.

Laccidives are divided into two group of islands for administrative purposes, five under the Collector of Malabar and four under the South Kanara Collector.

There are no wild animals or snakes in the islands, while crows, kites and seasonal migratory birds form the bird life. The main occupation of the people are farming and fishing. Coconuts form the main agricultural produce of the islands which are exported to India.

MUTT AND JEFF—Well, Remember The Clock Was Also Cuckoo — By BUD FISHER

SO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF PRETTY FAST ON THE DRAW, EH?
OH, I'M FAST ON THE DRAW AND I'M A FAST SHOT TOO!
COO COO
BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!
THAT PROVES I'M FAST!
I HIT THE CUCKOO SIX TIMES AT ONE O'CLOCK!

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